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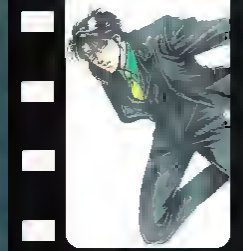

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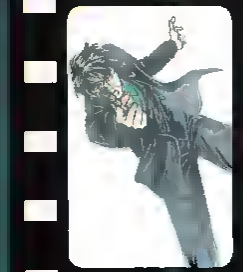

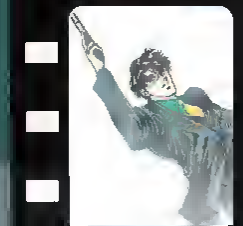

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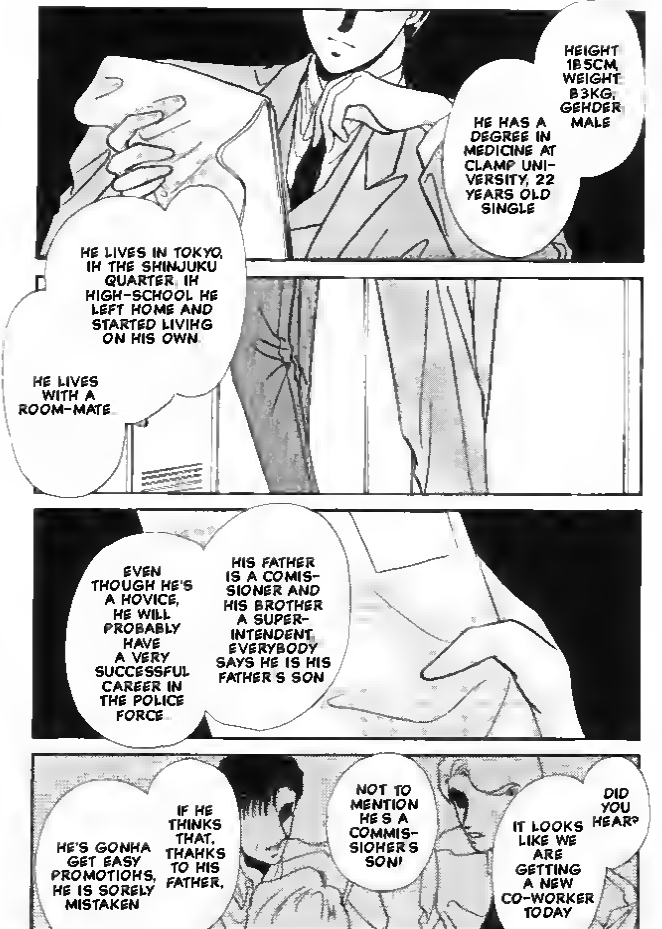
HEIGHT 185CM, WEIGHT 83KG, GENDER MALE
HE HAS A DEGREE IN MEDICINE AT CLAMP UNIVERSITY, 22 YEARS OLD SINGLE
HE LIVES IN TOKYO, IN THE SHINJUKU QUARTER. IN HIGH-SCHOOL HE LEFT HOME AND STARTED LIVING ON HIS OWN.
HE LIVES WITH A ROOM-MATE.
HIS FATHER IS A COMMISSIONER AND HIS BROTHER A SUPERINTENDENT. EVERYBODY SAYS HE IS HIS FATHER'S SON
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A NOVICE, HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THE POLICE FORCE.
DID YOU HEAR?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GETTING A NEW CO-WORKER TODAY
NOT TO MENTION HE'S A COMMISSIONER'S SON!
IF HE THINKS THAT, THANKS TO HIS FATHER,
HE'S GONNA GET EASY PROMOTIONS. HE IS SORELY MISTAKEN

HASHIBA, WHAT ARE YOU READING THAT'S SO INTEREST-ING?
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT THAT EASY GOING UP THE LADDER
AND IF HE'S A SISSY, WE'LL KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM
S-E-C R-E-T!
WELL, NO MATTER WHAT, THIS DEPARTMENT IS STUCK WITH HIM
SIR, GOOD MORN-ING
HELLO, BOSS
GOOD MORN-ING

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOUR NEW COLLEAGUE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO OUR DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING.
PLEASE COME IN.
WITH YOUR PERMISSION
THIS IS KENJI SASAKI.
HE'LL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SECOND DETECTIVE DIVISION IN THE CRIMINAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

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ONE MONTH LATER
TWO AND TWO IS FOUR
FOUR ANO FOUR IS EIGHT
EIGHT ANO EIGHT IS SIXTEEN...!
HERE I AM, RICHER THAN EEEEEVER!
WITHDRAW YOUR CASH PLEASE!
AAAAAAA AAHHHHH!
NOBODY MOVE!

HEY, SMART ASS, DON'T STEAL MY CUES.
WHO IS IT?
PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACK!
BZZZZ...
IF THE ALARM RINGS, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU ALL!

A POLICE-MAN, WHO ELSE?

TRY
!
KLUNK
RATATATATA
OOPS
I TOLD YOU TO STOP!

SCREEE
HEY!
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY LIKE THAT ONLY COWARDS RUN
HASHIBA!
EXCELLENT TIMING

BANG
SCRIII
HOW IS IT THAT YOU THOUGHT OF COMING TO THE SIDE EXIT?
WELL, I DION'T SEE ANYBODY SUSPICIOUS COMING OUT FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE.
EVEN THOUGH THE ALARM WAS RINGING
SMART THINKING
WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE GO AND ARREST HIM FOR DISOBEYING A OFFICER
CLACK

BL
BL
CH
NI NO
NI NO
NI NO
LOOK, YOU CAN'T GO AROUND WITH THESE TOYS, DARLING!
BESIDES, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T WITHDRAW MONEY FROM A BANK IF YOU HAVEN'T DEPOSITED FIRST?
OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHOICE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE IN A NICE CLEAN AMBULANCE, OR IN THE LUXURY POLICE CAR?
UHH
UHH

AT THE POLICE STATION
YOU IDIOTS!
ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT DETECTIVES?
OF COURSE, SIR. SECOND DETECTIVE DIVISION, SIR.
SIR MY ASS!!
HASHIBA!!
MAY I KNOW WHY A DETECTIVE LIKE YOU BROUGHT ME A BANK ROBBER?
EASY HE ATTEMPTED ROBBERY RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.
I CERTAINLY HAD NO INTENTION OF HUNTING CRIMINALS THIS MORNING
I WAS QUIETLY WITHDRAWING MY CASH WHEN THIS MAN APPEARED
SHOULD I HAVE JUST STOOD THERE AND WATCHED HIM TAKE MY MONEY?
SHOULD I HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO SHOOT AND FILL THE BANK WITH WOUNDED OR EVEN DEAD PEOPLE?
ERM... WELL, I'M NOT SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ARRESTED HIM!
I'M JUST SAYING THAT YOU OVER-REACTED!
YOU DON'T START SHOOTING IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC STREET IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

I APOL-OGIZE
ANO YOU SASAKI ?!
WHY OION'T YOU STOP HIM?!
BAM
THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER WAYS TO CATCH A BASTARO LIKE THAT
SO PLEASE, TRY ANO THINK ABOUT MY POSITION A LITTLE
FU UMP
YOU FRACTURED SOME OF HIS RIBS THEY SAY IT WILL TAKE HIM AT LEAST THREE MONTHS TO HEAL
YOU KNOW,
HASHIBAA!
OO YOU HAVE ANY IOEA HOW MUCH MONEY TAXPAYERS SAVED THANKS TO THE FACT THAT WE OION'T PUT SAFETY CORDONS AROUND THE BANK, MOBILIZE DOZENS OF POLICEMEN, AND ALL THE REST?
BUT WE DO THINK ABOUT IT!

I WANT A REPORT!
AND I WANT IT TODAY!
FRUSH
SBAM!SBAM!SBAM!
OH, SURE HERE'S A PEN AND PAPER
GET BUSY!
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
ANY CHANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT IS A GOOD ONE
YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE ME AS YOUR PARTNER.
HASHIBA!
WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING OFF TO?!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW, HOW I AM SUPPOSED TO WRITE WITH A PEN WITHOUT INK?
SO IT SEEMS AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A DISASTER
IT S GOING WELL BETWEEN THEM IT SEEMS
HASHIBA AND SASAKI HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR A MONTH ALREADY.

YES I'VE HEARO SOME COLLEAGUES FROM AHOTHER OEPARTMENT CRITICIZE HIM, BECAUSE HE OION T BEHAVE LIKE A HEWBIE
YOU KNOW THAT SASAKI IS A COMMIS-SIOHER'S SON, RIGHT?
I SUPPOSE THAT THE OTHERS BASH HIM BECAUSE OF THIS
IHOEEO SASAKI IS AN EXTREMELY RESERVEO GUY,
WHILE HASHIBA TALKS ALL THE TIME AHO OOES NOTHIHG BUT JOKE
IT'S SURPRISIHG THAT PEOPLE SO OIFFEREHT CAN GET ALONG
BY THE WAY
IS THIS THE WAY YOU TALK TO OLOER COLLEAGUES? YOU SHOULO BE ASHAMEO OF YOURSELF
IF I SAIO SOMETHING TO OFFENO YOU, PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I'M SORRY!
FLIP

WELL, WHAT WOULO YOU OO IF AN EHIGMATIC GUY STAREO AT YOU ANO APOLOGIZEO WIHTOUT SHOWING ANY EMOTIOHS?
YEAH, I'O PROBABLY GET THE SHIVERS
AFTER THAT, HOBOOY SAIO AHYTHING ELSE TO HIM (IT WAS VERY IHSTRUCTIVE)
JUST WHY ? BE- CAUSE SASAKI APOLO- GIZEO?
IN THE BEGIN- NIHG,
I THOUGHT THE CHIEF HAO GONE CRAZY
I MEAN, PARING A HEWBIE WITH THE MOST OANGEROUS GUY IN THE OEPARTMENT
BUT,
I THINK THERE IS MORE TO THEM THAT MEETS THE EYE
IT S ALREAOY BEEH A MONTH SINCE I BECAME A POLICEMAH
TIME HAS PASSEO QUICKLY

IF I REMEMBER THAT OAY
SO LET'S PAIR UP THE HEW ARRI-VAL
HASH-IBA!
I'VE DECIDED THAT SASAKI WILL BE YOUR PARTNER I'M SURE YOU'LL KHOW HOW TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM
HASHIBA ?
OK, OK
AN ORDER IS AN ORDER
YOU CAN TRUST ME WITH HIM CHIEF!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
FLIP
SMILE
IT'S MY PLEASURE.
WELL, WORK HERE MAINLY CONSISTS OF SOME NICE INVESTIGATIONS, SO I DON'T THIHK IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO GET USED TO IT
THE PROBLEM INSTEAD WILL BE HUMAN RELATION-SHIPS, WHICH AREN'T AS EASY
IH PARTICULAR, THE TWO OF US KNOW TOO LITTLE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER TO WORK TOGETHER

I SUGGEST THAT WE EXCHANGE OUR PRIVATE DIARIES!
THAT'S WHY,
IH ORDER TO GET TO KHOW EACH OTHER BETTER,
SHOCK!
I HAD HO IDEA,
WHETHER HE WAS SERIOUS OR JOKIHG, BUT I DECIDEO THE BEST THING WAS TO GO ALONG WITH HIM
HERE'S MY OIARY ENJOY THE READING!
HE ACTUALLY WROTE OHE THIS GUY IS TOUGH.

BUT I'M HOT SURE THAT'S HOW IT IS IN THE MOHTH WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER. HASHIBA STILL HASH'T TOLO ME WHAT HE S INVESTIGATING
FRUSH
THE OTHERS TOLO ME RIGHT AWAY TO LET THE CHIEF KHOW IF I HAO PROBLEMS BEIHG HASHIBA'S PARTHER.
AHO THEY TOLO ME THAT HASHIBA'S IHVESTIGATIONS WHERE ABSURO
MY FIRST JOB WAS ORGAHIZING OOCUMEHTS WITH HASHIBA, AHO THEH MORE OFFICE WORK
FRUSH
IN FACT, OFFICE WORK WAS ALL I OIO
HERE YOU GO HAVE FUH
I'D SAY THAT, FOR HASHIBA, BEING PARTNERED WITH ME IS NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE.
KEIJI
YOU'RE REALLY UHLUCKY
WHEH I TOLO MY BROTHER, WHO HAO WORKEO WITH HASHIBA, THAT I HAO BEEH PAIREO UP WITH HIM—

STRICTLY SPEAKING, THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PERSON WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA'S PRIVATE LIFE.
BEING PAIRED UP WITH HASHIBA, MEANS HAVING A SHORT LIFE.
HE TOLD ME WITH A SMILE.
HE ALWAYS HAS A SMILE FOR YOU, BUT IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING, HE IMMEDIATELY CUTS YOU OFF. HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH HIM IS IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT HE IS THINKING ABOUT. HE'S JUST THE TYPE OF GUY I HAVE PROBLEMS WITH.
YET THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT INTRIGUES ME.

IT'S NOT THAT I'D LIKE TO GET SOMETHING ON HIM, OR EVEN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
AND IT'S REALLY THE FIRST TIME.
I'M JUST INTERESTED IN HIM.
THAT I'VE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON.

!?
CH-CHIEF
GASP!
WELL, WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE NE-XT DAY
BLA BA
BLA BA
OH, CHIEF!
GOOD MORNING!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS STUFF?
WHAT?! THEY RE CHERRY BLOS-SOMS CAN T YOU TELL?
AREH'T THEY BEAUTI-FUL?
ACTUALLY, CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON SHOULD BE OVER.
BUT THEY'RE STILL EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL. DO YOU THINK SO TOO, CHIEF?
IT'S A PITY NOT HAVING THE TIME TO GO AND SEE THEM IN THE MEADOWS.
AND SINCE I DIDN'T WAN'T TO DEPRIVE MYSELF OF SUCH BEAUTY, I THOUGHT OF USING THEM TO DECORATE THE POLICE STATIOH
IDIOT!
I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOIHG ON IN YOUR HEAD
THIS IS AN OFFICE, A POLICE STATION WHERE WE ARE WORKIHG TO PROTECT THE PEACE AHO SAFETY OF THE CITY!
IF YOU WAHT TO SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS, GO TO UENO PARK!
WOW
DID HE BUY THEM?
THEY HAD TO COST A BUNDLE!

SO THE MONEY HE WITHDREW YESTERDAY WAS FOR THIS?
HE'S MAD. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF COMMON MORTALS.
CHIEF, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT HIS LIFE LET ALONE HIS MONEY!
WELL, HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
EVERYBODY GOES TO SEE THEM AT UENO.
OH, COME CHIEF! IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE SEEING THEM HERE, ISN'T IT?
GET TO WORK RIGHT NOW!
YES, SIR!
QUIT TALKING RUBBISH!
COME ON, SMILE FOR ME!
LOOK HOW WELL I ARRANGED THEM ON YOUR DESK
AT LEAST CLEAN THIS PLACE UP FIRST!
CH-IEF!
FLIP
FLIP
WELL, THEN I'M GOING TO INTERROGATE THE BIG, BAD MEN, EH! BYE BYE!

Fup
I'M COMING WITH YOU!
THE REPORT?
DELIV-ERED
FIHISHED AND DELIVERED IT YESTER-DAY
THAT LETTER?

SAS-AKI?
WOULD YOU FETCH ME A PACK OF CIGARETTES FROM THE FIRST DRAWER OF MY DESK?
I THINK I LEFT IT THERE
IS THAT AN ORDER?
I DON'T LIKE THIS
!
NO
JUST A REQUEST
OH,
HEY, DION'T SASAKI LEAVE WITH HASHIBA?
I CAME BACK TO FETCH SOME-THING HE FORGOT

WHAT IS IT, SASAKI?
IT'S LOCKED
TRUMP
YOU'RE STILL SO NAIVE, SASAKI
FLIP
FLIP
TSK
IMPRESSIVE I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO TAKE THE CAR KEYS WITH HIM
WELL, NOW I CAN WORK IN PEACE
CLICK

HE ISN'T HERE ANYMORE

HASHIBA

BUT WHEN HE'S WORKING ON AN IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION, HE GOES OFF ALONE
HE USUALLY HAS ME DRIVE HIM AROUND.
CLICK

HE DOESN'T TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL AFTER IT'S ALL OVER.
IN THE MONTH I'VE BEEN WITH HIM, I'VE LEARNED THAT.
HASHIBA NEVER GIVES ANY EXPLANATION FOR HIS ACTIONS, AND HE NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE INFORMATION HE GATHERS.

HORMALLY I WOULDN'T CARE I MEAN, EVERYBODY IS FREE TO ACT AS THEY PLEASE
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT HASHIBA THAT I FIND ATTRACTIVE
I WONDER WHAT HE'S INVESTIGATING THIS TIME?
ASKING HIM IS POINTLESS HE'LL JUST MAKE A JOKE TO AVOID ANSWERING ME
SO FOR A START I'M GONNA FOLLOW HIM.
AHO NOW I KNOW WHAT DIRECTION HE TAKES
I'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM CLOSELY FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS.
STUDIO ALTA

HERE THEY ARE AS IF I DIDN'T SEE THEM
MR. HASHIBA ?
SORRY I'M LATE
GOOD MORNING!
OH, LITTLE YAKKO!
DON'T EVEN MENTION IT WOMEN HAVE TO MAKE MEN LATE

HERE IT IS, LIKE I PROMISED YOU
OH, WOH-OER-FUL YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PROFES-SIOHAL!
OF COU-RSE, THIS TIME WAS MORE OIFFICULT THAH USUAL
BUT SIHCE IT WAS FOR YOU, I WORKED HARO!
OH, THERE'S ALSO AHOTHER THIHG
THAHKS ALOT I'M SO HAPPY I COULO CRY
THE SHUOO CLAH, IS TARGET-IHG YOU
IT SEEMS THEY'VE EVEH PUT A BIG PRICE OH YOUR HEAO
OH? HOT BAO!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME
IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE I LIKE YOU THAT I GIVE YOU SO MUCH INFORMATION, MR. HASHIBA!
WELL WHAT ARE YOU SURPRISED ABOUT?
YOU CERTAINLY WON'T LET SOME STUPID YAKUZA DO YOU IN!
INDEED
BUT DON'T WORRY, EH! I KNOW THAT YOU'RE REALLY STRONG
SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
BYE BYE!
A VERY CUTE GIRL
ISN'T SHE? SHE'S MY SWEETHEART,
AND
YOU KNOW, BEING ABLE TO COUNT ON AN EXCELLENT INFORMER SUCH AS YOURSELF
MAKES ME THE LUCKIEST MAN ON EARTH!
FLIP
THANKS, BUT DON'T FORGET TO PAY THE MONEY TO MY USUAL ACCOUNT AT IMONOYAMA, EH!
NOW, IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME...

THESE LAST DAYS I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR MOVES, AND I'VE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU GO
SO I FIGURED YOU'D BE IN SHINJUKU TODAY
IT WAS ACTUALLY BY CHANCE THAT I FOUND YOU SO QUICKLY
HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
OH HERE ARE YOUR CIGA-RETTES
A HOUND COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER
IN-DEED
SO I BOUGHT YOU ANOTHER PACK
THE DRAWER WAS LOCKED.

THANKS ALOT
WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED?
HASHIBA
SEE THEM ?
THE PRICE SET ON MY HEAD MUST BE REALLY BIG!

I'M WARNING YOU, I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
OH, SASKI.
THE PRICE?
IF I SHOW UP ON MY OWN, DO YOU THINK THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE THAT MONEY TO ME?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU, IT'S YOUR FAULT, SINCE YOU FOLLOWED ME

I'M MOVED!
OH
WHAT A WEL-COMING COMMI-TTEE!

I WONDER WHY YOU DIDN'T KILL ME IN TOWN?
MAYBE TO KEEP FROM MAKING A FUSS?
I'M TALKING TO YOU, BOYS. OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY SHUDO CLAN?

SHUDO -CLAN?
I FIND IT REALLY ADMIRABLE THAT A GROUP OF YAKUZA,
WORRIES ABOUT NOT DISTURBING COMMEN CITIZENS
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE
I COULD TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF YOUR MERCY, TOO?

YAHHH!
MM... IT DOESN'T SEEM AT ALL LIKELY...
BOOM
STAB
STAB
STAB

THAT'S A NERD'S ANSWER!
I'M USED TO IT
HEY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HANDLING THEM WELL, TOO!
SWIM!
DONE
AND NOW...

OH, I SEE
YOU OON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING
ALL RIGHT
TELL ME BEAUTIFUL WHO SENT YOU TO HURT US?
EH?
FUSH
FUSH
LET'S OO IT
THIS WAY THEN. LET ME HEAR HOW YOU SCREAM
Check
SO?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE COLLABO-RATING NOW?
UWA AAA
I'M SORRY, BUT IF YOU OON'T TALK IN JAPANESE I REALLY OON'T UNOER-STAND YOU!
GAH
GWAAH HH!
TELL ME, DOES IT HURT TO HAVE ONE'S JAW OUT OF PLACE? IT SHOULD!

NASN-IBA!
!!
DOESN'T IT?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING YOURSELF!
CRACK

YOU REALLY
MPH!
YOUR ARM.
LET ME SEE IT
HURT ME!

HE SAYS IT'S NOTNING...
I'M LIKE A CAT, TWO QUICK LICKS, AND I'M BACK TO NORMAL
EAUK
SO
BUT ONE CAN SEE IT EVEN FROM THE OUTSIDE THE SWELLING IMPLIES A FRACTURE
NOTNING TO FEAR IT OIDN'T BREAK
FUSH
AND AS SUCH, IT SNOULD NURT ALOT
MAYBE NOW YOU RE MORE WILLING TO QUIT KIOGING AROUND AND SPIT IT OUT
MY QUESTIONS ARE OO YOU BELONG TO THE SNUDO CLAN?
WNY AM I IMPORTANT ENOUGN TO YOU FOR YOU TO SET A PRICE ON MY NEAD?
MAYBE IT'S RELATED TO THE FACT TNAT I'M ASKING AROUND.
LOOKING FOR THE PRIVATE CLUB OF NIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA'S?

WHAT SAWADA'S PRIVATE CLUB?
IT'S LIKE YOU SAY
OKAY
YOU MADE TOO MUCH OF A FUSS
YOU WENT AROUND POKING YOUR NOSE EVERYWHERE AND THE CUSTOMERS COMPLAINED
SO THE BIG HATS TOLD US TO TAKE YOU OUT
BUT
AFTER ALL YOU ARE A WELL-KNOWN COP, SO...
KILLING YOU WOULD MEAN UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES
SO THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THE BOUNTY
THUMP
LET'S SEE HOW YOU GET OUT OF THIS!
HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH!
AND NOW YOU ARE DOOMED!
NOT ONLY OUR CLAN WANTS IT ALL THE OTHERS DO TOO

SO WHERE IS THIS PRIVATE CLUB?
AND WHAT IS GOING ON THERE?
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'LL TELL YOU?
THAT'S ENOUGH, NOW YOU'RE EXAGGERATING
CRACK
RATTLE
ALL RIGHT! IT'S AT MASAKA?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE!
I SWEAR IT!
WHAT?!
YOU WERE ASSAULTED?

HOW MANY TIMES OO I HAVE TO TELL YOU YOU CAH'T ALWAYS HAVE YOUR WAY HASHIBA?!
IF I HAO ASKEO FOR PERMIS-SIOH, YOU O HAVE SAIO "HO" RIGHT?
WHAT OO YOU MEAH "HOW OARE I?"
HASH-IBA!
HOW OARE YOU CARRY OUT AH INQUIRY ON HIS EXCELLEHCY SAWAOA'S PRIVATE CLUB WITHOUT TELLING ANYBODY?!
SBAM!
FOR HOW I ONLY HAVE THE EVIOEHCE OF THAT SCUM WE ARRESTEO YESTEROAY
AHY-HOW...
OIO YOU GET AHY PROOF?
HASHIBA! ARE YOU A COMPLETE IOIOT OR WHAT?!
OOH T YOU REALIZE THERE'S A BIG PRICE OH YOUR HEAO?
SBAM!
WELL, I CERTAINLY CAH'T SPEHO THE REST OF MY LIFE HIOIHG, CAN I?
CONSIOER YOURSELF OF THIS CASE!
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO INFILTE-RATE THEM!
BUT WHY?

YES BUT...
NO, CHIEF I WON'T PULL BACK.
ON THE CONTRARY, I REALLY THINK THAT GETTING RID OF THE WORST OF THEM
WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME TO MOVE AROUND IN THE CITY WITHOUT GETTING HURT
THIS CASE IS MINE.
CHIEF?

FIGU-
RES
ND
HASHIBA DIDN'T TELL YOU ABDUT ANYTHING?
DKAY WHAT'S THIS PRIVATE CLUB YDU TWD WERE TALKING ABDUT
HE'S FILTHY RICH AND PRETTY DAMN SMART. SDME SAY HE'S THE DNE CDNTRDLLING THE JAPANESE ECDNDMY AND PDLITICS
INDEED HE'S A PDLITICIAN CDMING FRDM THE FINANCIAL WDRLD
YOU MEAN TAKESHI SAWADA DF THE CDN-SERVATIVE PARTY?
SURELY YOU KNDW HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA, DDN'T YOU
THAT'S BEEN THE WDRD ARDUND HERE FDR QUITE A WHILE, BUT WE DDN'T HAVE ANY PRDDF. WE CAN'T FRAME HIM
IT'D BE A CLUB DPENED BY THE SHUDD CLAN AND BACKED UP BY SAWADA, WITH THE PURPDSE DF ENLARGING SAWADA'S DWN POWER
AS FDR HIS ALLEGED PRIVATE CLUB.
HE'S ALMDST CERTAINLY INVDLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
BUT FDR NDW, WE HAVE ND PRDDF

THEY SAY IT'S EXTREMELY EXCLUSIVE NO ONE GETS IN WITHOUT SAWADA'S PERSONAL APPROVAL
IT LOOKS LIKE A CLANDESTINE BANK WHERE STOLEN GOODS ARE SOLD
BUT WHERE IT IS AND WHO THE MEMBERS ARE IS UNKNOWN
I THOUGHT THAT PAIRING NASHIBA WITH A NEWBIE WOULD HAVE PREVENTED HIM FROM ACTING LIKE A FOOL AND INSTEAD
I CAN ONLY APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR THIS
AND ALLOW YOU TO CHANGE PARTNERS, IF YOU'D LIKE
A JOURNALIST THAT DOGGED HIS FOOTSTEPS SOME WHILE AGO
ENDED UP IN JAIL BECAUSE OF A LIBEL CHARGE
IT'S NOT HARD FOR SOMEONE LIKE SAWADA TO SHUT UP ANYONE WHO MAKES TOO MUCH NOISE
HE ALWAYS LAUGHS AND MAKES A FOOL OF HIMSELF I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM SPEAK IN EARNEST
NO, IT'S OK WITH ME

BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION, I UNDERSTAND.
IT'S JUST A MASK HE'S WEARING TO HIDE HIS TRUE SELF
OUCH!

SAS-AKI,
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF OYING FOR SOMEONE?
YES
WHAT S UP WITH HIM, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
OO YOU STILL THINK ABOUT IT?
YES
ANO WHY OIO YOU BECOME A POLICEMAN?
BECAUSE I WANTED TO PROTECT SOMEBODY
YOU MEAN THAT BEING A POLICEMAN ALLOWS YOU TO PROTECT THIS SOME-BODY?
A BIT, YES
I CAN CARRY A GUN
GOOD ANSWER
ANO TELL ME SUP-POSE THAT,
A CRIMINAL TAKES THIS SOMEBODY, A PRECIOUS SOMEBODY OF YOURS AS A HOSTAGE WHAT WOULD YOU OO?
BANG
BANG
BANG

WHATEVER HAPPENED, I'D PROTECT THE ONE PRECIOUS TO ME
WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
I'D FREE THE HOSTAGE AND KILL THE CRIMINAL
LET'S SWAP ROLES HOW IF THE CRIMINAL WAS THIS SPECIAL SOMEBODY?
YOU'D REALLY LEAVE THE PATH YOUR FATHER AND BROTHER TOOK?
IF YOU BECAME A CRIMINAL, THEY'D RISK LOSING THEIR JOBS AND YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE RUINED
EVEN IN THAT CASE, YOU'D DO IT?
YES
THIS TIME HE ISN'T JOKING AT ALL
THEN YOU REALLY CAN'T LET YOURSELF DIE, CAN YOU?
I SEE

LOOK, IF THERE'S SOMETHING I HATE IT'S OFFICE WORK
YOU TAKING CARE OF IT IS INVALUABLE
DOES IT BOTHER YOU TO BE PARTNERED WITH ME, HASHIBA?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD HASHIBA THIS SERIOUS
GO TELL CHIEF OUR TEAM HAS BROKEN UP
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE
JUST ONE REASON
THEN WHY
GOT IT?
YOU'RE BETTER OF ALIVE THE LAST THING I WANT IS SEEING YOU TURNED INTO A CORPSE
YOU CAN AIM AT A MUCH HIGHER POSITION THAN THIS ONE IT'S USELESS TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR NOTHING

IF YOU WANT IT,
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO ASK THE CHIEF TO SPLIT US UP
I WAHT TO BECOME STRONG
LISTEN ...
WHY AM I TELLIHG HIM THIS?
I REALIZED THAT BEIHG YOUR PARTHER IS THE FASTEST WAY TO BECOME STROHG
THIS IS SOME-THING I HOR-MALLY WOULO HEVER HAVE TOLD AHYOHE
IT S ALSO THE SHORTEST WAY TO HELL!

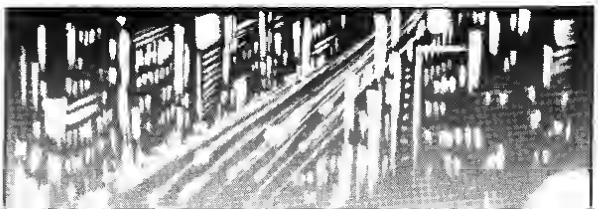
BESIDES
NOW I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND
IT'LL ONLY BE FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON
WHEN I DIE, HASHIBA,
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH, COME ON! IT'S OK FOR ME!
NOBODY WOULD CRY FOR ME
IT'S SIMPLE I HAVE NOBODY TO PROTECT AND NOBODY WAITING FOR ME AT HOME
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU KILLED BY THOSE CRIMINALS EITHER.
WHY I WAS SO INTERESTED IN HASHIBA?

WHAT'S WROHG WITH MY REASON-IHG?
HE AHO I ARE SO ALIKE
I'O HEVER BE ABLE TO SAY HOW, EXACTLY
BECAUSE WE SEEM TO BE EXACT OPPOSITES.
OF COURSE
YOU WAHT TO BECOME STRONG TO PROTECT THAT PERSON WHO IS SO IMPOR-TAHT TO YOU, RIGHT?
SO YOU OOH'T HAVE TO CARE ABOUT GETTIHG SLAUGH-TEREO
I MEAN, YOU OOH'T WANT TO SEE ME KILLEO, RIGHT?
BUT YOU WAHT ME TO SEE *YOU* KILLEO!
OHLY HE HAS HOBOOY TO PROTECT
MAYBE HE OIOH'T MEET THE RIGHT PERSON, OR MAYBE IT WAS HIM WHO OROVE THAT PERSOH AWAY
YET WE ARE ALIKE

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
HO-THING
IH ANY CASE, THERE S NO OOUBT ABOUT IT WE'RE CAST FROM THE SAME MOULO
YOU REALLY GOHHA SHEAK IHTO THE WOLVES OEH ALL ALOHE, HASHIBA?
I WANT TO COME, TOO
BUT
LISTEN! OIO YOU GET WHAT I JUST SAIO TO YOU OR NOT?!
OU-CH.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT GOING THERE ALL ALONE,
IS A GOOD IDEA, CONSIDERING THE SHAPE YOUR ARM'S IN?

DO WHAT YOU LIKE



APPARENTLY THERE'S SOME DANGEROUS STUFF GOING AROUND, AND A GREAT DEAL OF IT
ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T GET AT SAWADA'S CLUB
WE WON'T FAIL!
BUT I GOT A PASS FOR THIS VERY EXCLUSIVE CLUB!
OBVIOUSLY THE SECURITY SYSTEM IS VERY TIGHT
THERE ARE GOING TO BE ALOT OF UGLY FACES
IT'S JUST A BILLIARD CLUB FOR REFINED PEOPLE
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE INSIDE
WHERE CAN THIS MYSTERY CLUB OF SAWADA'S BE?

PLEASE, SIRS, THIS WAY
IF YOU'D SHOWED ME THE DISK BEFORE, I'D HAVE LET YOU IN RIGHT AWAY!
CHEER UP THEY'RE LETTING US IN AT LAST!
PAT
WHAT IS IT? YOU LOOK LIKE A BEATEN DOG
THIS WAY
FR
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AH
W-WELL
WE'RE HERE
FUSH
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT
BUT IN THAT CASE I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY, WOULD I?
HO
BUSH

A PERFECT ORGANI-ZATION
ARMED GAURDS
THERE'S A LIFT
BEHIND THE SECRET PASSAGE.
IF YOU CAN HAND ME THE DISK FOR A SECOND
PLEASE THIS WAY
VUUUU
GRUM
FLING
CLACK

OOH..
AW AW!
BLA BLA BLA
BLA BLA BLA

LOOK! LOOK!
HOW SHINY!
WELCOME TO OUR CLUB
HERE WHATEVER YOU DESIRE, YOU CAN HAVE
WHETHER IT'S DRUGS
WEAPONS WORKS OF ART JEWELS
OR HUMAN BEINGS.
THE CUSTOMERS HIS EXCELLENCY HAS CHOSEN
CAN HAVE ANY OF THEIR WISHES GRANTED
AS LONG AS THEY PROMISE HIM LOYALTY AND SUPPORT
THE TWO OF YOU, FOR INSTANCE
WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR?

CLICK
DASH!
B-!!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT IS IT?!
PUM
PUM
PUM
I'D BE CONTENT WITH TURNING THIS CASINO UPSIDE DOWN
AND ARRESTING HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA.
AAAHH!

SHAA
!!
FAH FAH FAH
FAH FAH FAH
BANG BANG BANG
FRUM
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO SAWADA CUSTOMERS ARE EXPENDABLE, LIKE PIECES OF FURNITURE
CLANK!
GUN!
THEY'RE CRAZY!
IT'S STILL PACKED WITH CUSTOMERS!

LET'S LOOK FOR THE MANAGER!
HASH-IBA!

FOOMP
BANG
BANG
EVERY-THING OK?
YES JUST CRACKED GLASSES
I'LL DO A TEMPO-RARY DRESSING FOR YOUR WOUND
GRAB
IT'S A FRACTURE
DOESN'T THIS MAN FEEL PAIN?

RA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA
HEY!
THESE GUYS JUST SPROUT UP LIKE MUSHROOMS! MAYBE IT'S SAWADA'S SECRET BASE?
YOU MUST BE USED TO THIS
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU STUDIED MEDICINE, DION'T YOU?
BUT YOU ABSOLO-TELY HAVE TO GO TO HOSPITAL
THIS DRESSING WILL KEEP THE BONE IN PLACE.
NO...
NO...
NO...
I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER MAKE IT, JUST THE TWO OF US
LOOK AT THIS ONE
YES, I WARNED THE CHIEF
SAS-AKI,
WAS IT YOU WHO -

HASH-IBA
YOU REALLY THINK OF EVERY-THING, HUH?
THEY KILLED HIM TO SEAL HIS MOUTH
WE WERE TOO LATE

NO, NO, CHIEF! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I NEVER THOUGHT SUCH A THING!
YOU WANT ME TO TURN UP MY TOES SOON, EH?!
IDIOT!
HASHIBA! YOU REALLY WANT TO SHORTEN MY LIFE, DON'T YOU!
THEN WHAT'S UP WITH THIS MAVERICK ATTITUDE? AND TO THINK I HAD EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN YOUR INFILTERATION MISSIONS!
CHIEF DOES THAT MEAN MAYBE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
WHAT HAPPINESS!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAME OUT ALIVE!
DON'T YOU GET IT? THAT ONE DAY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT?

IDIOT!
UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE!
HA
HA
HA!
NOW HURRY UP! GET TO THE HOSPITAL AND HAVE THAT ARM STRAIGHTENED UP!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMOR-
ROW, THEN
GRAB
SWISH

I THINK THIS IS THE BEGINING OF A LONG PARTNER-SHIP
ON THE CON-TRARY.
IT'S LIKE A FORE-BODING ...
LOOKS LIKE FOR NOW THERE'S NO WORD ABOUT SPLITTING THE TEAM
...
THANKS.
IT'S YOURS
BUT I DON'T SMOKE!
I DO.
IF YOU HAVE NO USE FOR IT, THROW IT AWAY

COMBINATION·1

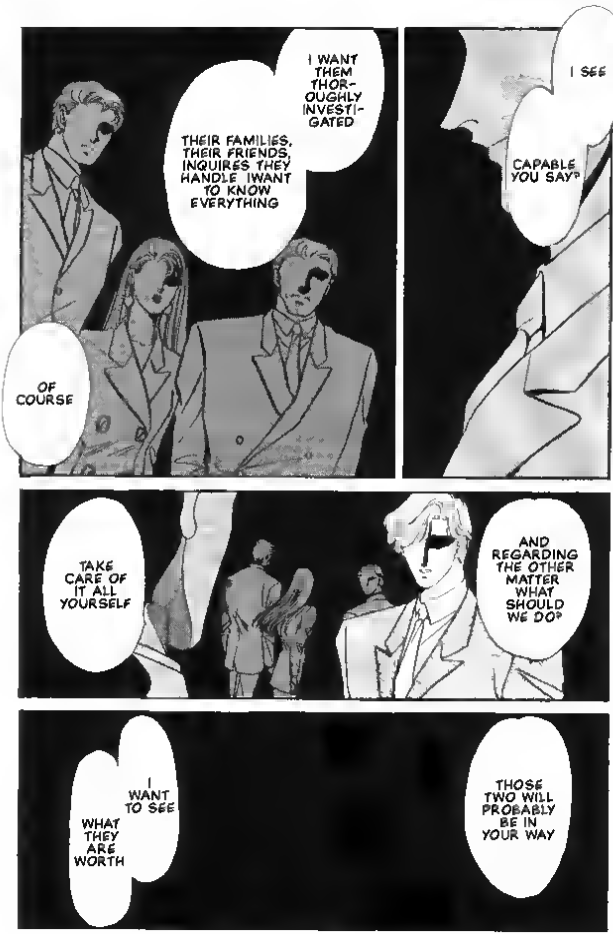
LEEZA SEI

PRESENTED BY LEEZA SEI

THE ONE WITH GLASSES IS SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA, TWENTY-SIX.
A DETECTIVE DIVISION POLICEMAN, AN EXTREMELY SKILLED SHOOTER
IT'S A PHOTO OF THE TWO THAT EXPOSED THE SHUDO CLAN'S CASINO

THEY ARRESTED EVERY SINGLE CRIMINAL THEY HAVE DEALT WITH
JUDGING FROM THE RESULTS THEY'RE EXCELLENT POLICEMEN BUT THEY AREN'T POPULAR IN THEIR DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR HASTY WAYS
THE OTHER IS KEIJI SASAKI TWENTY-TWO A NEWBIE
HE'S THE YOUNGEST SON OF A COMMISSIONER
IT'S WEIRD THAT SOMEBODY THAT FORWARD
AND COURAGEOUS IS IN THE POLICE FORCE

TWO MEN LIKE THOSE, WE CAN KILL THEM WHENEVER WE WANT THERE IS NO HURRY
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BECAUSE THE SHUOO CLAN IS IN YOUR TERRITORY. BUT
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
IF SUCH BOTHERSOME INSECTS ARE NOT CRUSHED AT ONCE
KILLING THEM OFF IMMEDIATELY WOULD BE A PITY
THEY ARE TWO VERY CAPABLE MEN
WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?
DON'T YOU FIND THEM INTERESTING SIR?

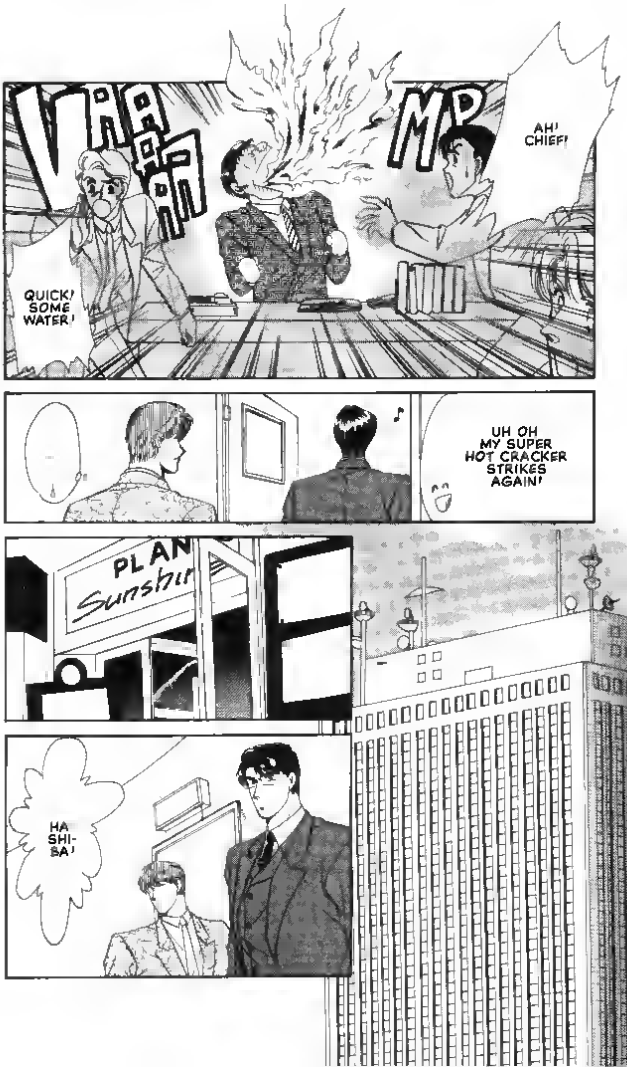

I WANT THEM THOR-OUGHLY INVESTI-GATED
THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FRIENDS, INQUIRES THEY HANDLE I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING
OF COURSE
I SEE
CAPABLE YOU SAY?
TAKE CARE OF IT ALL YOURSELF
AND REGARDING THE OTHER MATTER WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I WANT TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE WORTH
THOSE TWO WILL PROBABLY BE IN YOUR WAY

POLICE
HERE'S YOUR TEA
OH THANK YOU
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
DID YOU KNOW THAT SUICIDE CASES AMONG MIDDLE-AGED EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN GROWING?
THESE DAYS BEING A MANAGER IS JUST UNBEARABLE
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE TO ADD TO THIS CENTURY'S ILLNESSES
YOU HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLES TOO DON'T YOU CHIEF?
BY THE WAY A CERTAIN "TROUBLE" ISN'T HERE YET
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HASHIBA HE'LL BE HERE SOON
HE'S USUALLY VERY PUNCTUAL

SBAM
HELLO!
HERE I AM FOR TODAY!! RIGHT ON TIME AND READY TO START!!
GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY!!
HA SHI-BA
WHAT IN THE WORLD DID YOU BRING TODAY?
AHA!
SWEETS AND APPETIZ-ERS, SIRS! LATELY I'M CRAZY ABOUT THEM.
SO I TOLD MYSELF LET'S BRING SOME TO THE DEPARTMENT, TOO!
OH! I ATE THESE WHEN I WAS A KID!
ME TOO! I CAN NOT BE-LIE-VE IT!
THIS IS A MILK CRACK-ER!
AND CUTTLE FISHES! THEY SAY THEY MAKE YOUR BLOOD PRES-SURE HIGHER! I LOVED
GRRRRRR
PRUSHPRUSH

WHAT IS THE RUCKUS?!
IDIOTS!
HA-SHI-BA!
DON'T YOU HAVE TO WORK ON THE CASE OF THAT GUY WHO IS SUSPECTED OF AN EIGHTY MILLION YEN TAX EVASION?
WHERE'S YOUR REPORT ON IT?
CHIEF YOU KNOW I SUCK AT OFFICE WORK HA HA HA!
GET BACK TO WORK IMMEDIATELY!
THIS ISN'T A NURSERY SCHOOL!
DASH!
TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP
CHIEF
YOU THINK THAT'S AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER?
IDIOT!

HMM
MY COM-PLI-MENTS
ABOUT THE TAX EVASION CASE I'VE ALREADY COLLECTED ALL THE EVIDENCE AND DRAWN UP A BRIEF TO SEND TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
HERE'S THE REPORT
CHIEF
?
OH, REALLY? AND WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT I DO, HUH?
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT GETTING WORKED UP OVER LITTLE THINGS ISN'T GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH?
YOU SHOULD TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR-SELF
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO COLLECT INFO
LET'S GO SASAKI
G.O.M
COME ON DON'T GET UPSET
HERE EAT THIS IT'S MY FAVORITE TYPE OF CRACKER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MP
AH! CHIEF!
QUICK! SOME WATER!
UH OH MY SUPER HOT CRACKER STRIKES AGAIN!
PLAN
Sunshin
HA SHI- BA!

I'M HERE
HEY THERE YAKKO!
SETTING UP A DATE FOR US AT THE PLANETARIUM IS REALLY TRENDY!
YOU SURPRISE ME!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL DON'T YOU THINK?
COME HERE OFTEN YAKKO?
YES I REALLY LIKE LOOKING AT THE STARS
I EVEN BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER HE TELLS ME LOTS OF INTRESTING THINGS
THE REASON I CALLED YOU TODAY
FRUSH!
IS THAT I FOUND SOME INFORMATION THAT I THINK WILL INTEREST YOU
HERE IT IS
WHEN YOU SEE WHAT'S INSIDE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND

WHEN FIRMS WANT TO BUY LAND FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
THEY TAKE PART IN AN AUCTION RIGHT?
I MEAN IN ORDER TO AVOID FAVORITISM.
ALL THE FIRMS WHICH WANT TO BUY MAKE AN OFFER AND THE HIGHEST BIDDER WINS
BUT THE OFFERS SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET RIGHT?
SO,
WHAT YOU HAVE HERE ISN'T VERIFIED BUT A CERTAIN PERSON HAS THE EVIDENCE
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE AUCTION KAZUAKI MAEDA
THANKS YAKKO YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUCH USEFUL INFORMATION
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING ALREADY?
REMEMBER TO PAY THE MONEY TO THE USUAL ACCOUNT, OKAY?

KAZUAKI MAEDA FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD HE LEFT THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, AND DIDN'T FIND ANOTHER JOB
CAUSE OF DEATH FRACTURE OF THE CERVIX BONES HE DIED INSTANTANEOUSLY
SINCE A NOTE WAS FOUND HIS DEATH WAS CLASSIFIED AS A SUICIDE
THE POLICE REPORT ISN'T DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE IN THE PAPERS
MAEDA HAD A WIFE HE HAD DIVORCED FROM TWO YEARS AGO, AND A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER
IT SEEMS THEY HAVEN'T KEPT IN TOUCH LATELY
Click
Click
IF MAEDA REALLY COLLECTED THE EVIDENCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT HE'D COMMIT SUICIDE
IT'S ALSO SUSPICIOUS THAT MAEDA RETIRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION ENDED
CLICK CLICK
NO.
I'M NOT CONVINCED AT ALL

TOEI BUILDING FIRM THE COMPANY THAT WON THE AUCTION IS CONNECTED TO SAWADA
AND THERE S EVIDENCE OF A CONSIDERABLE TRANSFER OF MONEY
SO IT S POSSIBLE THIS IS A CORRUPTION CASE BY HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA?
I D SAY IT S MORE THAN POSSIBLE
A REAL GOOD FOR NOTHING POLITICIAN
AND HE DOESN T MAKE THINGS EASY FOR US HE S VERY CAREFUL NOT TO LEAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF HIS GUILT
IT D BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE MAEDA GATHERED
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHY DION T YOU GO HOME ALREADY?

OH THANKS A LOT FOR TODAY'S EXTRA HOT-CRACKER
IT'S NOTHING THE FLAMES SHOOTING FROM YOUR MOUTH TOLD ME HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATED IT
BUT GET READY, BECAUSE NEXT TIME YOU'LL BE TASTING THE SWEETEST SWEET ON EARTH!
OH CHIEF!
YOU'RE WORKING OVERTIME TOO?
OBVIOUSLY! I'M SWAMPED WITH WORK!
BECAUSE SOMEBODY HANDS IN NEVER-ENDING REPORTS!
YES, SIR! HERE'S THE REPORT!
FR
USH
WHATEVER I'D LIKE TO BE INFORMED ON THE INVESTIGATIONS YOU'RE CARRYING ON
YOU KNOW THEY'RE USELESS IF YOU KEEP THEM TO YOURSELF!
THANKS TO SECRET INFORMATION, WE'RE LOOKING INTO AN IRREGULAR AUCTION OF PUBLIC LAND
AND THE POSSIBILITY HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA IS INVOLVED

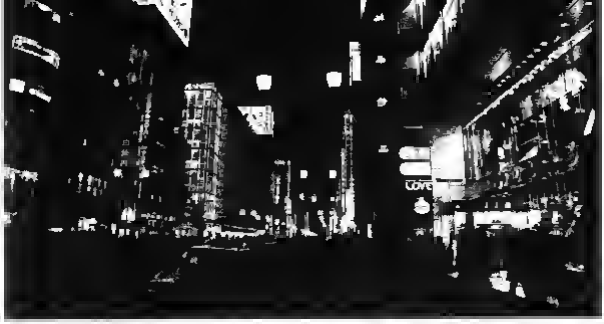
JUST A HUNCH
THEN WHAT?
RIGHT NOW ND
DD YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE??
WAIT A SECOND
WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE IRREGULAR AUCTION AND HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA?
LISTEN HASHIBA DD YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA OF
WHO HIS EXCELLENCY SAWADA IS?
OF COURSE! HE'S THE POLITICIAN IN THE FIRST PLACE IN THIS DEPARTMENTS BLACK BOOK! I'M GOOD, AREN'T I?
PAT
YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
I'LL REMIND YOU FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME THAT TAKESHI SAWADA
IS CONSIDERED THE MOVER BEHIND JAPAN'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WORLD
ALL THE JOURNALISTS AND POLICEMEN THAT HAVE TRIED TO INVESTIGATE HIM HAVE ALL DISAPPEARED OR ENDED UP BEFORE A JUDGE YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT?

WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?!
OF COURSE!
DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT STUPID!
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY DISAPPEARANCE IF IT HAPPENS
THANKS FOR WORRYING BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW SAWADA TO DO WHATEVER HE WANTS, YOU KNOW?
SO LET ME TRY
I'M ALL ALONE SO IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR ANYBODY IF I DISAPPEARED
GULP
GLOM
AN IDEAL SITUATION, DON'T YOU THINK?
GASP
I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO GETS ANGRY IF PEOPLE TALK BEHIND MY BACK
I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY, AND EVEN IF I WAS DRIVEN OUT OF THE POLICE FORCE, I'D MANAGE

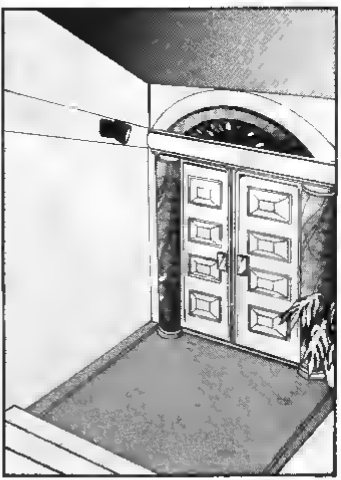
ALL RIGHT
AT LEAST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T GO OFF HALF-COCKED
ALL RIGHT
BUT
PRE-CISELY
NOTHING I SAY WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND?
GOOD NIGHT TO YOU, TOO!
GOOD NIGHT!
ANO NO LONG HOURS. GET SOME REST!
WHY DO YOU HAVE IT IN FOR SAWADA?
HASHI-BA
WHAT?
WELL THEN, I'M LEAVING TOO

CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW BADLY I TOOK IT?
I GOT THE LAST CONE! I WAS ABOUT TO GULP IT DOWN IN ONE MOUTHFUL
AND THERE WASN'T ANY MORE!
BUT IT WASN'T ANY ICE-CREAM! IT WAS HAZEL-NUT ICE-CREAM! MY FAVOR-ITE!
WHEN SAWADA MADE ME DROP IT!
HM MM
FLIC
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT ONCE SAWADA MADE ME DROP AN ICE-CREAM CONE

SLAM
SEE YOU!
GOOD NIGHT!
ALL RIGHT, HE DOES NOT WANT TO TELL ME THE TRUTH
SURE GOOD NIGHT
THE END
SO FROM THAT DAY ON
I CRIED OUT FOR ETERNAL VENGEANCE AGAINST SAWADA ICE-CREAM'S ENEMY!



THE LADY IS WAITING FOR YOU



HEL-LO HA SHI-BA
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
HELLO YOKO
I'M SORRY I'M LATE
HERE
THANKS!
BUT WHY ALWAYS RED ROSES?
WELL TRUE BUT ONLY THE EXTRE-MELY
BEAUTIFUL WOMEN AND MY STANDARDS FOR BEAUTY ARE REALLY VERY HIGH
I KNOW YOU'RE EXAGGER-ATING BUT I'M FLAT-TERED ANYHOW
SWEET TALKER, AS USUAL
HOW MANY OTHER WOMEN DID YOU CHARM WITH THE SAME WORDS?
MY RULE IS TO GIVE A WOMAN THE FLOWERS THAT ARE MOST LIKE HER

IS IT WEIRD?
NO ACTUALLY I'M GLAD ABOUT IT
I THOUGHT YOU DRANK WHISKEY
BOURBON?
STRAIGHT BOURBON PLEASE
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS ALREADY, HASN'T IT?
HE LOVED BOURBON TOO
TIME FLIES
I WAS HOPING YOU'D BRING HIM ALONG I'D HAVE LIKED TO MEET HIM
I HEARD YOU HAVE A NEW PARTNER
BY THE WAY

WHAT IS UP WITH THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WELL THEY SAY HE SUITS YOU
THAT'S WHY I'M INTERESTED
SOMEONE AS EGOTISTIC AS YOU
I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE
YOU CAN'T STAND TO HAVE A PARTNER NOT AT WORK NOT IN YOUR PRIVATE LIFE...
WHO IN THE WORLD COULD YOU GET ALONG WITH?
HIS NAME IS KEIJI SASAKI, ISN'T IT?
HE TOOK A DEGREE IN MEDICINE AND GOT BRILLIANT MARKS WHEN HE BECAME A POLICEMAN...
WHY DID HE CHOOSE TO BE A POLICEMAN WHEN HE COULD HAVE HAD BEEN A SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR? IT'S STRANGE DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU'RE WELL INFORMED AREN'T YOU?

AND WHO WOULD BE HIS MASTER? YOU?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THAT GUY HOOKED INTO ANYTHING
HE'S LIKE A DOG, READY TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL FOR HIS MASTER, BUT COMPLETELY DEVOID OF OTHER INTERESTS
ARE YOU JOKING?
IT'S HIS FLATMATE
OH
I WASN'T WRONG THEN. HE MUST BE REALLY AN INTERESTING GUY
DUH
SASAKI DOESN'T ANNOY ME AND HE DOESN'T POKE HIS NOSE INTO MY BUSINESS
HE WORKS HARD DOESN'T COMPLAIN, NOT EVEN IF THE CASE IS UNBELIEVABLY BORING
HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT I WANT, SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS
HE EVEN WORKS WELL ON HIS OWN
MAKES WORK LESS OF A BURDEN FOR ME

HE TALKS VERY LITTLE AND NEVER SHOWS HIS EMOTIONS
HE'S VERY COLD
HIS "MASTER" IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN HIS LIFE.
SO HE DOESN'T TAKE MUCH CARE OF HIMSELF.
HE TOLD ME HE WANTS TO BECOME STRONG TO PROTECT A SPECIAL PERSON.
NO LONG TERM EXPECTATIONS... ONLY AN INTEREST IN...
AT FIRST SIGHT, HE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A NOVICE.
BUT THE TRUTH IS HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS.
SOMEBODY LIKE THAT WON'T DIE BEFORE ME. EVEN IF I DIED RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES HE WOULDN'T BE DEVASTATED.

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME SIMILA-RITIES BETWEEN YOU AND HIM
THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK HIM ON, ISN'T IT?
NO! WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
COME ON, YOU KNOW IT.
ANYHOW SO YOU'RE FOLLOWING A TRACK THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SAWAOA, RIGHT?
THE EVIDENCE THAT MAEDA HAD? HIS DAUGHT-ER WHO HAS IT NOW BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW SHE HAS IT
I THINK THAT GIRL WILL BECOME THE TARGET OF THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED HER FATHER.
WELL, I GUESS IT'S TRUE ...
HE'S AN INTEREST-ING GUY.
THEN I CAN GIVE YOU SOME INFOR-MATION
NEWS SURE FLIES!
I'M A PROFES-SIONAL, YOU KNOW!

KEIJI?
YOU DIDN'T GO BACK HOME?
BIG BRO
IS SOMEBODY STILL HERE?
YES
SO WHEN THE AUCTION WAS HELD
THE MINISTER OF CONTRUCTION WAS NOT THERE HIS VICE-MINISTER TOOK HIS PLACE
!
BLR

HERE
MY TREAT
THANKS
OH, I SEE
SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GO BACK HOME
My brother is so aloof
IT'S STRANGE
USUALLY YOU'RE ALREADY HOME BY NOW
TODAY HE WENT BACK TO HIS PARENTS
CAREFUL ONE LIFE IS NOT ENOUGH WHEN YOU'RE AROUND HIM
HOW'S HASHIBA DOING?
ALL RIGHT
HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO CAN HAVE A QUIET STROLL THROUGH A SHOOT OUT, AS IF NOTHING WERE HAPPENING
NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT
HE'S BIGGER THAN LIFE

YOU MIGHT FIND THIS WEIRD, BUT
EVEN WHEN I WAS HIS PARTNER,
HE ALWAYS JOKED BUT HIS EYES NEVER SMILED
THE ONE GUY WHO UNDERES-TIMATED HIM PAID FOR IT
TRY NOT TO LET HIM GET HIMSELF KILLED
YES
THE SAME GOES FOR ME
HE DOES NOT THINK HIS LIFE IS IMPOR-TANT
HE'D RATHER DIE A HERO THAN SURVIVE AS A MERE MORTAL
I LIKE HASHIBA I DON'T WANT ANYTHING BAD HAPPEN TO HIM IF POSSIBLE

YOU AMAZE ME
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I VE SEEN YOU THIS INTER-ESTED IN ANYBODY
?
I DON T UNDER-STAND WHY
IT S LIKE AN OBSES-SION
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I M THE ONE WHO LL HAVE TO WATCH HIM GET HIMSELF KILLED
TOLD ME HE DOESN T WANT TO SEE ME KILLED
HA-SHI-BA
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY HASHIBA IS SO FIXATED ON BEING THE FIRST ONE TO DIE...
MAYBE
MAYBE HE DOESN T WANT TO SEE SOME-BODY HE RESPECTS GET KILLED NOT AGAIN
DON T YOU THINK SO?

NOT AGAIN!
WELL I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE DETAILS
FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME
HASHIBA TALKS SERIOUSLY WITH YOU
THAT NEVER HAPPENED WITH ME
AND ANYHOW HE'LL TELL YOU HIMSELF IF HE WANTS TO
SOMEHOW THAT PUTS ME MORE AT EASE
PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE LIKE HIM
AND THE TWO OF YOU ARE ALIKE
YOU MAKE A GOOD COUPLE
Well I'm going home. See you
I'M NOT SURE THAT WAS A COMPLIMENT

LOOK, WE WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE WITH HER.
TRY NOT TO ACT SUSPICIOUS
THAT BRAIDED GIRL IS MAKI? MAEDA'S DAUGHTER?
HEY MAKI!
WAIT!
HELLO
YOU KNOW, IF YOU COME HERE INSTEAD OF GOING TO SCHOOL,
YOU'RE HEADED FOR TROUBLE

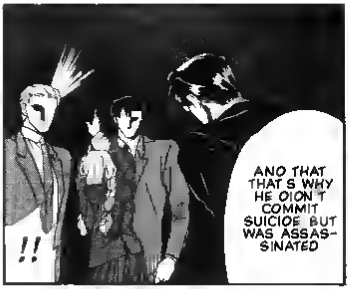
SNIFF SNIFF
I'M TRULY SORRY
YES
YOU KNEW MY FATHER?
I UNDER-STAND
BUT
YOUR FATHER DIED RECENTLY AND YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE
WHO'S THAT GUY?
WELL IF HE MAKES ANY TROUBLE WE'LL HANDLE HIM
WE CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING FROM HERE
SO I REALLY CAN'T SHOW YOU ANY-THING
BUT OUR CLIENT'S ACCOUNTS WOULD STILL BE OFF LIMITS FOR PRIVACY REASONS
LOOK SIR, AS FAR AS I'M CON-CERNED YOU COULD BE POLICE CHIEF

YES SIR.
I SEE
SO THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TAKE A LOOK AT MAEDA'S ACCOUNTS?
BANK BUSINESS RELIES ON PRIVACY
W- WAIT! WAIT!
NEXT TIME I'LL COME WITH A SEARCH WARRANT, AND I'LL HAVE ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS CONFISCATED LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE
WELL THEN.
ALL RIGHT I'LL SHOW YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT
BUT YOU MUST PROMISE YOU WON'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT, SIR
ALL
BINK
IF YOU DID THAT, OUR REPUTATION

FEEL BETTER NOW?
YES, THANK YOU I APOLOGIZE FOR BURSTING INTO TEARS LIKE THAT
MISTER
HERE
THANKS
OH MY NAME IS HASHIBA
SMILE
WHAT WAS YOUR FATHER LIKE?
BLUSH
BLUSH
BLUSH
HE WAS SO SWEET TO ME
HE WAS LIKE A CHILD
AND MOTHER REALLY COULDN'T CHANGE THAT SIDE OF HIM

I REALLY LOVED MY FATHER
BUT I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN
HE GAVE ME THIS WATCH FOR MY BIRTHDAY IT BECAME HIS SPECIAL GIFT TO ME
HERE THEY COME
EX-CUSE ME
YOU'RE KAZUAKI MAEDA'S DAUGHTER AREN'T YOU?
YES
BUT WHAT
WE FOUND YOU AT LAST!
WE'RE YOUR FATHER'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATES
WE'RE HERE TO TAKE BACK SOMETHING YOUR FATHER GAVE YOU BEFORE HE DIED

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WAIT A MOMENT
BUT
WOULDN'T YOU BE SO KIND AS GIVE IT TO US?
WELL UNFORTUNATELY NOW HE CAN'T ANYMORE, SO
THE TRUTH IS HE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN IT TO US. BUT
WHAT A PITY
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT BACK TO US
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WON'T GIVE IT BACK?
WELL HAVE TO TAKE IT BY FORCE
GRAB
FATHER DIDN'T GAVE ME ANYTHING!
CUT IT OUT, MISTER BIG MEN LIKE YOU
HARASSING A YOUNG GIRL! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!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AND THAT THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE BUT WAS ASSASSINATED

LET HER GO
SHE KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT THAT
AS SHE DOESN'T KNOW HER FATHER HAD EVIDENCE THAT A CERTAIN PUBLIC LAND AUCTION WAS IRREGULAR....

THEN MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER IN HER PLACE?
WELL

YOU KNOW A LOT DON'T YOU?
YES YOU COULD CALL ME
MR KNOW-IT-ALL

!!
STAGGER

COME ON
BE A GOOD GUY AND LET HER GO
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT DO YOU?

I APOLOGIZE
YOU SEE, WE DON'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE
DAMN YOU!
STOP!
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
THERE WON'T BE ANY
IF YOU COME WITH US
WELL, I SAY
YOU DON'T GIVE US MUCH CHOICE

IT LOOKS LIKE MAEDA SOMEHOW GOT HOLD OF EVIDENCE OF THIS AND THREATENED SAKONUMA
YES EXACTLY
THE ONLY PERSON THAT COULD HAVE PASSED ON INFORMATION ON THE PROPERTY BIDS IS SAKONUMA HIS SECOND IN COMMAND
MURDER?
KAZUAKI MAEDA WAS MURDERED!?
I THINK THAT'S WHAT HASHIBA IS WORKING ON
AND DO YOU KNOW YET WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE MAEDA HAD?
HIGH SUMS WERE PAID MONTHLY INTO MAEDA'S BANK ACCOUNT BY SAKONUMA
OK!
AND I ALREADY TOLD YOU BE CAREFUL!
AND I WILL CONTINUE TRACKING SAKONUMA
YES, THANK YOU
THEN I'M OFF TO SEE THE TOEI ESTATES
GOOD

THUD
HMM
MAEDA'S EX-WIFE LIVES HERE
PLIN PLON
YUKIKO AND MAKI KIMURA
SH-AAM
MAKI?!
!
DID ANY-THING HAPPEN HERE?
OH SORRY

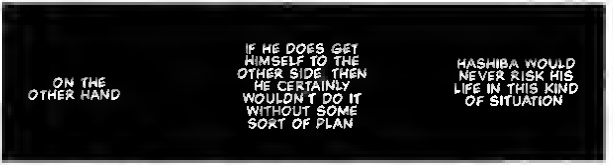
WHAT HAP-PENED?
WELL, THANK GOD!
POLI-CE?
EH WHAT?
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
I'M FROM THE POLICE
THEY HAD MAKI WITH THEM
A CALL JUST CAME IN
HE SAID
PLEASE CALM DOWN!
EVERY-THING WILL BE ALRIGHT
I'M SURE YOUR DAUGH-TER IS OK
SO PLEASE TRY TO CALM DOWN
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT STUFF THEY'RE TALK-ING ABOUT
HE SAID THAT IF I DON'T WANT THEM TO KILL MAKI, THEN I SHOULD GIVE THEM BACK THE STUFF MY EX-MAN GAVE ME BUT

MAEOAS DAUGHTER WAS KIDNAPPED?
YES
THE KIDNAPPERS ARE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT KILLED MAEOA
I'M SURE THEY WANT MAEOAS EVIDENCE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE GIRL
GET A SEARCH FOR HER STARTED IMMEDIATELY!
ALL RIGHT
AND HOW IS THE SITUATION OVER THERE?
OK
COLLEAGUES FROM THE RESPONSIBLE POLICE STATION ARE ALREADY HERE TO MANAGE EVERYTHING I'LL TRY TO FIND THESE KIDNAPPERS
IF THERE'S ANY NEW INFORMATION, PLEASE TELL ME RIGHT AWAY
DIO HASHIBA CALL YOU YET?
OK. THEN STAY AT IT
YEP
CHK
NO
I GUESS HE'S WITH THE GIRL RIGHT NOW
HASHIBA
WHERE THE HECK IS HE?
I'M GETTIN NERVOUS HOW IS THIS GOES ON

SLAM

THANKS FOR LETTING ME MAKE A CALL
YOU'LL MANAGE EVERYTHING FROM NOW ON, OK?
OF COURSE

HE'S SO CARELESS WITH HIS OWN LIFE


HASHIBA WOULD NEVER RISK HIS LIFE IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION
IF HE DOES GET HIMSELF TO THE OTHER SIDE, THEN HE CERTAINLY WOULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT SOME SORT OF PLAN
ON THE OTHER HAND

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN INTERESTED IN SOMEONE ELSE
RIGHT

WHAT SURPRISES ME MOST IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR IS ME
BRRRRRRRRR
HM
PRETTY LOUD OUT THERE.
SNK SNK
TOE!

PRO-
BABLY
IS
WHAT
YOU SAID
TRUE?
THAT THESE
PEOPLE
KILLED MY
FATHER?
YES
MAKI?
EVERY-
THING
OK WITH
YOU?
THIS WHOLE
THING SEEMS
MORE LIKE A
TV THRILLER
I DON'T
KNOW
FOR
SURE
ARE
YOU
AFRAID?
AND
DOES THAT
MEAN THEY
WILL KILL
US TOO?
BRRR
EH
EH
EH
NUTS!
GHOSTS LEAVE
ME OUT COLD!
BY THE WAY DID
SOMEONE TURN
DOWN THE
HEATER?
ARE
YOU
AFRAID
OF
THEM
TOO?
I BET THEY'RE
REALLY AFRAID
OF GHOSTS!
IF
THEY
DO
KILL
US
THEN WE'LL
SIMPLY COME
BACK AS
GHOSTS AND
SCARE THEM
SO MUCH
THEY'LL WET
THEIR PANTS!
WHAT ABOUT
THAT?

WHINING WOULDN'T MAKE THE SITUATION ANY BETTER
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE US SOMEWHERE ELSE?
ACTUALLY THAT WAS THE PLAN
BUT SADLY THAT ISN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE
GOOD THAT THE PRISONERS ARE IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD!

MY DEAR SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA
FROM THE SECOND POLICE DEPARTMENT
YOUR FELLOW COLLEAGUES ARE ALREADY WORKING PRETTY HARD

MY DEAR MR SAKONUMA
BECAUSE YOU HAD TO CALL MAEDA'S WIFE AND SCARE HER
THE POLICE HAVE THROWN UP BARRIERS EVERYWHERE AND OUR ABILITY TO MOVE ABOUT HAS CLEARLY DECREASED
THAT GUY IS A COP?
WHAT'S GOING ON, TSUTSUMI?
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANTED TO GET RID OF ALL THE EVIDENCE COME WHAT MAY, MR SAKONUMA BUT...
YOU DIRTIED YOUR HANDS BY PUSHING MAEDA FROM THE ROOF
BUT THE FLOOR UNDER YOUR FEET IS BURNING
YES, BUT IF THE DAUGHTER REALLY DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT, ONLY THE WOMAN IS LEFT!
THAT'S MAEDA'S SECOND SAKONUMA
AND THEN THIS GUY TSUTSUMI
SAWADA WAS PRETTY CLEVER IN PLANNING THIS

THAT YOU KNOW MY NAME
HONORS ME
MASAYA TSU-TSUMI
THE PER-SONAL SECRETARY AND ASSIS-TANT OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SAWADA
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
YOU IDIOT?
TSK, TSK ARE YOU SO POWER-HUNGRY THAT YOU CAN'T SEE THE SIMP-LEST CON-NECTIONS
PLEASE?! WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON HERE?!
TSU-TSUMI?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT BAIT HE MANAGED TO GET YOU WITH BUT
THE WHOLE PLOT ABOUT THE ILLEGAL BUSINESS WITH THE TENDER OF GOVERNMENTAL ESTATES WAS ONLY STARTED TO COVER UP SAWADA'S BRIBES AND CORRUPTION
MR SAKONUMA YOU WERE USED BY SAWADA
IT WAS ALL TURNED INTO DONATIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TAKESHI SAWADA WASN'T IT? OR AM I WRONG?
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE MONEY AND THE SHARES YOU RECEIVED FOR HAVING GIVEN THEM THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOEI ESTATES?
HE SAID HE WOULD MAKE ME A MINOR MAN OF PARLIAMENT... AND LATER ON A POSITION AS A MINISTER WOULD BE POSSIBLE AS WELL
YOU PROMISED ME ALL THAT?
WAS THE MONEY REALLY USED FOR ALL THIS, TSUTSUMI?
YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT SAWADA'S PAWN EASY FOR HIM TO GET RID OF AT ANYTIME
BUT MAEDA UNEXPECTENTLY FOUND OUT AND NOW HAS YOU TRAPPED
WHAT? THAT CAN'T BE...

UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE
THAT A MAN AS INTELLI-GENT AS YOU...
...IS SATIS-FIED WITH A LOW JOB AS A POLICE-MAN.
YES, EVERY-THING IS EXACTLY LIKE WHAT HASHIBA SAID
WH-WHAT!?
YOU TRICKED ME!?
GRR
SHUT UP
KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME!

OK THANK YOU
THAT WAS THE KEY-WORD WE SHOULD BE ON OUR WAY NOW
TSU-TSUMI!
THE SECOND POLICE DE-PARTMENT FOR CRIME IS AL-READY LOOK-ING THROUGH THE TOEI ES-TATES
STOP!
NOW THEN
WOULD YOU PLEASE EXCUSE US?
I DON'T THINK YOU COULD HARM MY BOSS WITH THE EVIDENCE CUTIE IS SUP-POSED TO HAVE
OH YES
THE WHOLE STORY SEEMS TO BE OVER NOW BUT
I DE-MAND
THAT YOU ORDER SAWADA TO COME HERE RIGHT NOW!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING THERE SAKO-NUMA?

DON'T LOOK, MAKI!
YOU BETTER THINK ABOUT THAT!
THAT THING MIGHT GO OFF!
GRAB
SHUT UP!
YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH TOYS YOU CAN'T HANDLE
KA-BOOM!

WHAT AN IDIOT.
OK. AN OTHER PROBLEM SOLVED
PLEASE SEND SAWADA MY GREETINGS!
AND PLEASE TELL HIM THAT NEXT TIME I VISIT HIM, IT'LL BE WITH AN ARMFUL OF EVIDENCE AND POLICE CHARGES.
TAP

SOMEONE DEFINITELY HEARD THAT SHOT
OK, WE HAVE TO LEAVE THEN

THUD

THAT REMINDS ME OF SOME-THING
THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO SAID EXACTLY THE SAME THING
I HOPE YOU DON T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE HE DID

OVER HERE! YOU'RE PRETTY QUICK
HASHIBA?
THAT'S THE DEAD END FOR OUR MAIN CULPRIT
WELL...
BUT NOW WE'RE LEFT WITH NOTHING AGAIN
IF HE'D LIVED HE'D BE ONE OF THE MAIN WITNESSES AGAINST SAWADA
LOOKS LIKE HE DUG HIS OWN GRAVE WITH THAT STORY
HE WAS KILLED THEN?

YOU ARE SO
CALM AND SERENE HOW COME?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE ABLE TO CATCH SAWADA WITH THIS INFO
I THINK
THEY WERE JUST PLAYING A GAME WITH US
I'VE HAD ENOUGH WORK FOR TODAY. I'M GOING HOME AND TAKE A NAP
WELL, YOU DESERVE IT
WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
YOU CAN FIND
THE EVIDENCE FROM MAEDA
IN THE GIRLS' WATCH

WE FOUND THIS MAEDA'S DAUGHTER'S WATCH
A LIST WITH THE SECRET TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE TOEI ESTATES AND MAEDA'S SECOND SAKONUMA
WITH THIS WE CAN CHARGE TOEI ESTATES WITH BRIBERY AND ILLEGAL INFLUENCE
THIS SHOULD SOLVE THE CASE
I'D LIKE TO SAY "WELL DONE" BUT
HASHIBA
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO BE CAREFUL?
DID YOU?
YOU GOT THAT LITTLE GIRL INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE AFFAIR USED HER AS BAIT BUT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO WATCH OVER HER. BECAUSE THESE MEN WERE AFTER HER!
AND YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN CAREFUL?!
YOU DAMN IDIOT!

NOW NO ONE IS AFTER HER ANYMORE AND SHE CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT BEING SCARED
THANKS TO ME, THIS CASE MAY BE SOLVED PRETTY QUICKLY
BAIT? THAT SOUNDS MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT WAS, ACTUALLY
I THOUGHT THE WHOLE THING WOULD GO EASIER IF I HAD A WORD OR TWO WITH THEM INSTEAD OF HIDING MYSELF
THE END, YES, BUT THE WAY TO IT?!
IT ENDED ALL RIGHT, DIDN'T IT?
MY REPORT IS HIS REPORT, RIGHT OR NOT, SASAKI?
ME AND SASAKI ARE OF THE SAME KIND
FORGET IT!
I WANT TO SEE A REPORT! AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ONE TO WRITE IT, HASHIBA!
AND SASAKI WON'T HELP YOU IN ANY WAY, IS THAT CLEAR? THAT'S AN ORDER!
HOW CAN YOU BE THAT HEARTLESS, CHIEF!? YOU KNOW I'M UNABLE TO DO THAT
GRRRR
YOU'RE SO MEAN, CHIEF!
I WON'T ACCEPT IT AT ALL. YOU'LL WRITE IT NOW, GO GO!
IF YOU DON'T WRITE IT BY YOURSELF,

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
HERE YOU ARE
OH! THANKS

GOAT GOAT
DAMN THIS SUCKS

HA-SHI-BA

WILL
DEFINITELY DIE BEFORE YOUR EYES

OF COURSE, I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU DIE EITHER, BUT
IT WOULD BE EVEN WORSE IF YOU DROPPED DEAD WITHOUT MY PERMISSION
SO TELL ME
WHEN IT'S YOUR TIME
I WANT TO BE THERE TILL THE END
BELIEVE ME

ALL RIGHT
SECOND POLICE STATION HERE
TUP
!
IT'S ME
HOW ARE YOU?
PPPPPPPPPPPP
I'M ACTUALLY JUST NEAR BY,
AND I THOUGHT WE COULD GO OUT OR SOMETHING

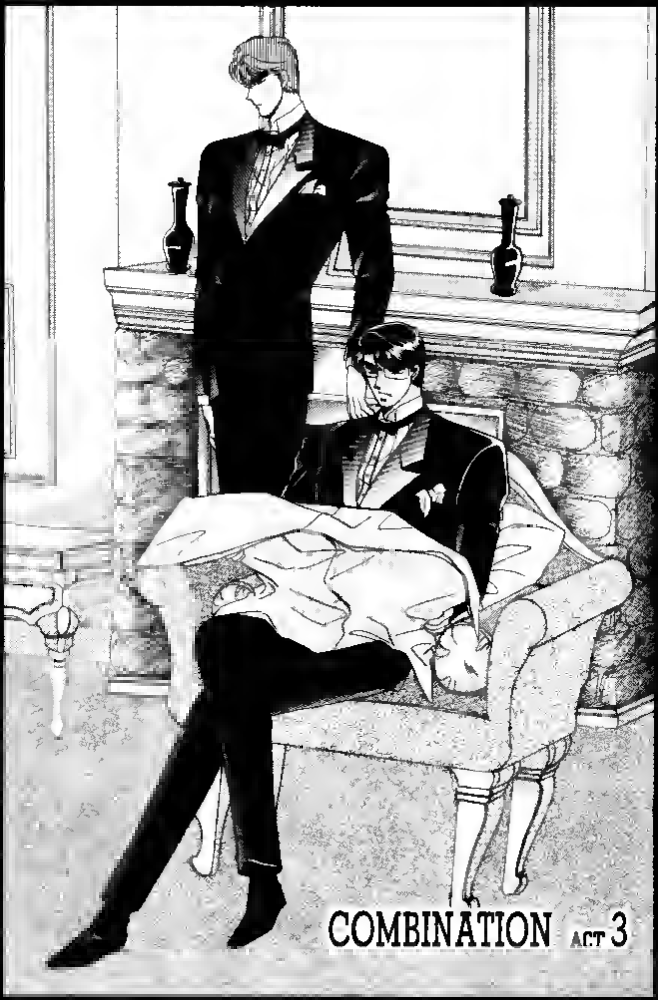
I'M FINISHED WITH WORK
SO JUST WAIT
I'LL COME AND PICK YOU UP
WAS THAT YOUR ROOM-MATE?
YES
CLACK
IMPRESSIVE WHEN YOU'RE TALKING TO YOUR ROOM-MATE YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOURSELF
SO I'M GOING, THEN
HAVE A NICE EVE-NING.
AND SAY HELLO TO YOUR ROOM-MATE FOR ME
I WISH THE CHIEF AND THE OTHERS COULD SEE YOU LIKE THAT
THEY'D FALL OFF THEIR CHAIRS STARING!
VA

BUT HE WANTS TO STAY TILL THE END?
I THINK IT S BEST IF HE DIES ABRUPTLY AND WITHOUT MY BLESSING
TO WATCH HIM DIE
OR THAT HE DIES WITHOUT ME KNOWING IT
WE LL SEE

I'M ... BACK AGAIN.
AND? ANYTHING NEW?
YOUR REPORT!
OF-COU-RSE
DO YOU REMEM-BER THAT POLICE-MAN, THE ONE WHO WAS AFTER YOU ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO?
HIS PART-NER WAS HASHIBA
HE TOLD ME TO SAY HI FROM HIM
HE SAID THAT HE WANTS TO BRING YOU AN ARMFUL OF EVIDENCE AND POLICE CHARGES AS A PRESENT THE NEXT TIME HE VISITS YOU
THAT GREEN-HORN FROM THREE YEARS AGO?

I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THOSE TWO ARE CAPABLE OF
SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA
AND KEIJI SASAKI
HOW AMUSING

PRESENTED BY LEEZA SEI



OH TO GO, LIKE ANY NORMAL WOMAN, INTO A SHOP JUST TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND OR JUST TO GO INTO A RESTAURANT TO DRINK TEA

OR TO TALK WITH A CHARMING GENTLEMAN ABOUT ORDINARY THINGS

THAT'S REALLY ALL I WANT RIGHT NOW

I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO JAPAN
I HOPE YOU FEEL AT HOME
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
chatter
chatter
KA-BOOM
AAAHHH
WAA!!

PRIN-CESS! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU TO SAFETY
BAM
WHAT'S HAP-PENING HERE?
AAAAAAH!
THAT IS GOD'S PUNISH-MENT!
!?
GOSH

BANG
!!

WHO ARE THOSE GENTLEMEN?
THOSE TWO ARE FROM THE JAPANESE POLICE
THEY WERE CALLED FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL SECURITY
chatter
chatter

SO
THOSE TWO EALLY ARE TRUE GENTLEMEN

POLICE
2ND DEPARTMENT
WHO SHOULD WE BE PROTECTING?
A PRINCESS
dash
WHAT?
A PRINCESS? LIKE A REAL PRINCESS, MADE OF FLESH AND BLOOD? LIKE FROM A FAIRYTALE?
HASHIBA JUST BE QUIET!
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET A HEART-ATTACK...
OF COURSE NOT! I WISH YOU A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE. I HOPE YOU LIVE TO BE 300 YEARS OLD
WHY ARE BODY-GUARDS NECESSARY?

THE NAME OF THE YOUNG LADY IS
AARIE JASKO ELENORA PRINCESS OF PAMIS
PAMIS? THAT RICH COUNTRY? IT'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE A UNBELIEVABLY HIGH GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT
YOU ARE WELL INFORMED
WAS THE RULING PRINCESS NOT JAPANESE?
YOU ARE VERY WELL INFORMED
WELL I'M A BIG FAN OF JYOSEIJISHUNI!* I NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!
FWAP
* it's a magazine for old women about celebrities and gossips
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW AN ISSUE SOMETIME?
HASHIBAAA!
YOU'RE HERE TO WORK NOT TO READ TRASHY MAGAZINES

WELL, THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL INFORMATION NOW
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW KEIJI'S EXAMPLE, HASHIBA!
WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION, SASAKI?
I'VE HEARD THAT THE DIVERSION OF THE ROYAL FAMILY FROM THE MILITARY IN PAMIS HASN'T BEEN WITHOUT PROBLEMS
AND SHE'S HERE AS THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REGENT OF HER COUNTRY WHO IS ILL
THIS NOVEMBER SHE'S COMING TO JAPAN FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ACCESSION OF THE THRONE
FROM HASHIBA'S FRAU AKTUELL
Wa Ha Ha Ha
DESPITE THIS SHE'S COMING BACK TO JAPAN
SHE'S HERE ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION, AT A TIME WHEN STATE AFFAIRS ARE STILL PRECARIOUS AND WITH THE INCIDENT AT THE RECEPTION THREE MONTHS AGO
PRINCESS OR NOT SHE'S THE FIRST CANDIDATE FOR THE THRONE
CUT THE CRAP!

YES
BUT DESPITE THIS IT'S HER FONDEST DESIRE TO RETURN TO JAPAN.
WHAT? IS SHE THE SAME
PRINCESS THAT WAS ALMOST ASSASSINATED BY THAT RADICAL-SUBVERSIVE GROUP AT THE RECEPTION AT THE AKASAKA HOTEL?
AND WELL
SHE HAS APPOINTED YOU TWO AS HER BODYGUARDS
WHAAAAAAAAAT?!
stand up
stand up

TRUM TRUM TRUM
SASAKI ALWAYS LOOKS LIKE A MORTICIAN WHAT IF THE PRINCESS GETS A SHOCK FROM THAT?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LET LAUREL AND HARDY GUARD THE PRINCESS
IT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS TO GIVE THIS TASK TO THOSE TWO
WHAT?
WHY HASHIBA AND SASAKI OF ALL THINGS?
.....
THEIR FAVORITE COLOR AND FLOWER DON'T MATCH EITHER
THE PRINCESS REALLY LIKES SUSHI AND HASHIBA DOESN'T EVEN LIKE SHRIMP!
CUT THE CRAP !!!
YOU CAN TRY TO CONVINCE ME ALL YOU WANT BUT THE PRINCESS DOESN'T WANT ANYONE BUT YOU TWO DEAL WITH IT!
DON'T RACK YOUR BRAINS ABOUT THINGS I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT!
AFTER ALL CHIEF YOU'VE CHOSEN SASAKI AND ME FOR THIS TASK
SAM

GET OUT OF HERE AND DO YOUR JOB!
DON'T TALK NON-SENSE, HASHIBA!
shudder
shudder
UM... ARE YOU THINK-ING THIS WILL BE OUR HIGH-SOCIETY DEBUT, MAYBE?
!
HOW IS IT THAT YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE PRINCESS?
.....
YOU'RE ALL DUN-DER-HEADS!

THE EMBASSY OF PAMIS
AMAZING THAT THIS PRINCESS HAS CHOSEN ME AND YOU
SASAKI?
?
I DON'T REMEMBER ANY PRINCESS YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MAJESTY
THE GENTLEMEN TO GUARD YOU ARE HERE
COME IN
EXACTLY
WE CAN'T DO THAT CAN WE?
YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE A WOMAN CRY

?
TAP
TAP
TAP
AH, YOU! HOLD IT!
HERE YOU GO

KEIJI SASAKI AT YOUR SERVICE
SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA FROM THE JAPANESE POLICE

IT IS AN HONOR TO SEE YOU BOTH AGAIN
MY NAME IS AARIE JASKO ELEONORA
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT
YOU ARE EVEN MORE ENCHANTING THAN YOUR PICTURES
SEEING YOU IN PERSON MAKES OUR HEARTS BEAT FASTER
OH WELL IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME AFTER ALL
THAT I'VE MET YOU TWO
YOU ARE WELL INFORMED
HA HA YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE AND YOU'RE ONLY 26
AND YOUR PARTNER SASASKI IS ONLY 22

THREE MONTHS AGO I CAME TO JAPAN FOR THE FIRST TIME AT AT MY VERY FIRST RECEPTION THERE WAS AN INCIDENT, AN EXPLOSION
OH, RIGHT EXTREMISTS I THINK
AND YOU BOTH RESCUED ME
WHAT?
SASAKI, YOU CAN'T FOOL A WOMAN
I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR SPECIALTY!
HA HA YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER DO YOU?
YOU KEPT ME
FROM BEING SHOT BY THOSE CRIMINALS
JUST LIKE I WAS TOLD! YOU'RE A
A REAL COMEDIAN!
YOU KNOW, I'M REALLY 235 YEARS OLD VERY FORGETFUL THESE DAYS
DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?

YOU ARE REALLY VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT US
HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS?
LET'S JUST CALL IT THE INTUITION OF A WOMAN IN LOVE
FROM THE BEGINNING YOU BOTH WERE AS PROBLEM CHILDREN IN THE DEPARTMENT
SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA FROM THE SECOND DEPARTMENT, KNOWN AS THE BEST MARKSMAN OF THE WHOLE DIVISION
ALWAYS READY TO TELL JOKES, AND A WELL-LIKED PARTY-GOER, KEIJI SASAKI ALSO WORKS IN THE SECOND DEPARTMENT
AND JUST JOINED AFTER FINISHING HIS MEDICAL STUDIES. HIS FATHER IS A COMMISSIONER AND HIS BROTHER A SUPERINTENDENT
THEY BELONG TO THE ELITE OF THE POLICE. HE'S QUITE TERSE,
AND DOESN'T SHOW MANY EMOTIONS OUTWARDLY. HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF A UNCARING GRUMBLER.
YOU'VE WORKED AS PARTNERS FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS
AND HAVE SOLVED AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF CASES IN THAT TIME
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I SAID I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU ON FIRST SIGHT
WITH WHO?
WITH BOTH OF YOU

YOU'RE BOTH QUITE DIFFERENT TYPES
I JUST CAN'T DECIDE
DOES THAT MEAN WE ONLY COME AS A SET?
THE ONLY WAY SOMEONE LIKE ME...
CAN GUIDE MY COUNTRY'S DESTINY IS WITH...
LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT THE IMPENDING COUP D'ETAT
SUCH HUMILITY!
HE'S ALSO ONE OF THOSE WHO LIKE TO WORK ON KINKY MURDERS
YOU ALREADY KNOW HE'S VERY SERIOUS VERY CONSCIENTIOUS
A PRINCESS WHICH JUST RUNS AWAY?
WHAT?
MEANING WHAT?
CREAK
WELL I'M HUMBLY ASKING FOR YOUR HELP
LET'S RUN AWAY!

IT'S TERRIBLE!
THE PRINCESS HAS DISAPPEARED!
AND THE POLICEMEN WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO GUARD HER ARE GONE TOO!
YOU'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE?
FROM THE ROOFTOP TO THE BASEMENT
THIS ABSOLUTELY CAN'T
BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE SHE'S THE HEIR TO THE THRONE AFTER ALL
WE HAVE TO HANDLE THIS WITH ABSOLUTE SECRECY!
THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO IT.
LIKE IN THE AUDREY HEPBURN MOVIE ROMAN HOLIDAY!

IT S UNTHINK-ABLE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE PRINCESS
DA MN IT!
WHAT ARE THOSE PO-LICEMEN THINKING?
IT S DANGER-OUS NOONE HAS A CLUE WHAT THE EXTREMISTS MIGHT BE PLANNING
THIS WAS MY DREAM TOGETHER WITH SUCH CHARMING GENTLE-MEN LIKE YOU
TO GO INTO A SHOP ORINK TEA, OR TO SIMPLY CHAT ABOUT ANYTHING
YOU FIND THIS SILLY DON T YOU?
SINCE I'M ALWAYS STUCK IN THE EMBASSY I HAVE NO OP-PORTUNITY TO REALLY ENJOY THIS COUNTRY
IT S REALLY WON-DERFUL HERE
IT S JUST LIKE MY MOTHER TOLD ME!

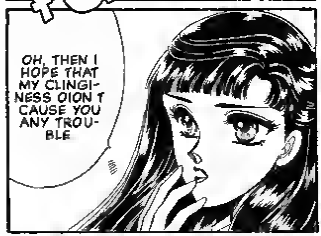
YES, ABSOLUTELY
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
THERE? THEY'RE MAKING JAPANESE COOKIES
YOU WANT SOME?
THANK YOU WE ARE PLEASED
ON THE CONTRARY
SO THEN, LET'S ROCK AS THE KIDS SAY THESE DAYS
clack
HEY YOU'VE GOT A VERY INTERESTING TOY HERE!
!!

BUT YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH IT IN BRIGHT DAYLIGHT!
SWISH
YOU'RE PROBABLY VERY PROUD OF IT
SHOULDN'T WE GO BACK?
TAKE THAT.
SPAM
TSK
TSK
I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!

I THINK THAT YOUR PEOPLE AT THE EMBASSY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU
WHAT IS IT?

SO IT IS!
IT'S SOMEONE YOU LIKE ISN'T IT?
FUM

YOU'RE REALLY SHARP!
AH. BY THE WAY I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR ROOMMATE


OH, THEN I HOPE THAT MY CLINGINESS DION'T CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE

WELL THEN WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO NOW PRINCESS?
CERTAINLY
DON'T YOU SASAKI?
NOT AT ALL HE THINKS IT'S AN HONOR
THERE YOU GO JUST LIKE HE SAID IT HIMSELF

YOU BLOCK-HEADS !!!
SASA-KI?
YES?
LET ME THINK ABOUT IT
PI PI
PI
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?
WE WERE INFORMED BY THE EM-BASSY THAT THE PRIN-CESS IS MISSING!
WE RE KEEPING IT SECRET SO THAT THERE S NOT A RIOT BUT
I'VE HAD TO SEND OUT EVEN TRAFFIC COPS AND SCHOOL-CROSSING GUARDS TO HELP SEARCH FOR HER!
EX-CU-SE ME?
LET ME
WHAT EX-ACTLY DO YOU MEAN SASAKI?
YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO HER! WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?
BUT, CHIEF WE ARE WITH THE PRINCESS

BY THE WAY THERE'S A LOW-LIFE FOREIGNER BEHIND THE SENSOUJI TEMPLE FOR YOU
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIRE-ARMS
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DATE WITH THE PRINCESS DON'T WORRY EVERYTHING'S COOL!
HASHIBA AAAA! YOU'LL BE THE DEATH OF ME!
C'MON, CHIEF PLEASE CALM DOWN
HELLOOO? CALM DOWN BOSS
GASP
!?
WHAT THE HELL? WHO IS HE?!
YOU'LL SEE WHEN YOU ARREST HIM
CLICK
WHAT KIND OF GAME IS THIS LUNATIC PLAYING NOW?
Damn my jasmine water
Chief
HASHIBA?! HELLO?!

WOW! THIS AQUARIUM IS ENORMOUS! SO MANY TYPES OF FISH...
THERE ARE ALSO DOLPHINS, SEA OTTERS, OCEAN MOONFISH
MANY FAMOUS PERSONALITYS LIKE TO COME HERE. AN AQUARIUM WITH HISTORY
WOW! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN DOLPHINS!
THEY'RE SO CUTE!
chuu

DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LIGHTER?
He looks pretty cool to let onesie give fire, but...
UM
OO YOU SEE THOSE MEN? THE ONES IN BLACK
OO YOU KNOW THEM?
HERE IT IS!
YOU JOKER!
NO, BUT THEY SEEM TO KNOW ME
I HAVE A FEELING THAT THEY DON'T WISH US WELL

BANG
AAAAH!
SO NOTHING HAPPENS TO YOU
HIDE OVER THERE
BANG
BANG
WHAT THE
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS
BANG
BANG
BANG

WELL, THAT'S THAT
YOU'RE OKAY?
YES
WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?
STUMP
!!

HELLO!! WOULD YOU MIND TAKING A LOOK AT THIS?

I'M REALLY SORRY THAT I'VE DRAGGED YOU INTO SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN

OUR COL-LEAGUES FROM THE POLICE WILL BE HERE SHORTLY
PLEASE HAND OVER THESE GUYS TO THEM. WILL YOU?

SEE YA!
.....

MY FATHER THE KING IS ILL WHICH STRENGTHENS THE MILITARY'S POSITION
AND IF I AS HEIR TO THE THRONE SHOULD DIE THEN A COUP MIGHT HAPPEN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER
IN PAMIS IS COMPLICATED THERE ARE PROBLEMS BETWEEN
THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE MILITARY THERE ARE RUMORS THAT RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY WANT TO START A REVOLUTION
AS YOU KNOW THE SITUATION
I'M SORRY THIS IS UNCOMFORTABLE ALMOST SHAMEFUL FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT
THAT THE SITUATION IN MY COUNTRY COULD CHANGE OVERNIGHT JUST BECAUSE I WAS GONE
HARD TO BELIEVE ISN'T IT?
JUST FORGET FOR A MOMENT
FORGET ANYTHING UNPLEASANT AND ENJOY THIS EVENING!
BUT IT'S STILL TRUE IT WAS LOVE ON FIRST SIGHT
THAT MAKES US HAPPY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US PRINCESS
OUR JOB IS TO PROTECT YOU
I JUST CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU CAN I?
SO THIS IS WHY YOU REQUESTED US?

THIS?
THIS IS A DISCO THEY'RE HERE TO DANCE TO EAT TO DRINK AND HAVE FUN
DANCING? SO IS THIS SOMETHING LIKE A BALL?
WHERE ARE WE?
AND WHAT ARE THOSE PEOPLE DOING?
YES, PLEASE
PRINCESS MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
NOT ALONE BUT
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

TEIN
AAAAH!
WAA AAH?!
GRAB
Bang
THE RE-CEPTION THREE MONTHS AGO
EH!?
YOU SAVED MY LIFE THERE, TOO.
YOU TWO
THUD
EXACTLY LIKE IT WAS THEN!
ALMOST LIKE AMERI-CANS!
THEY'RE JUST KNOCK-ING EACH OTHER OFF!

BANG!
AHH!
IT WAS A JAPANESE WHO ATTACKED YOU
IT'S JUST THAT THE LAST TIME
PRINCESS!
NOOOO!!
?!
PUSH

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Y-YES, THANK YOU
BEHIND YOU!
SKONK

POLICE!
WHAT FOOLS HAVE BEEN POPPING GUNS AROUND HERE?
chatter
chatter
GOOD JOB KIO!
ARE YOU TWO OKAY?
Thump
THAT'S YOUR BROTHER HE CAN
TAKE CARE OF IT WE'RE OUTTA HERE
MR. SUPERINTENDENT
THOSE GUYS SEEM TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE FROM THE AQUARIUM
WHAT A SORRY LOT
TAP TAP
THE BAD GUYS ARE LYING OVER THERE SOMEWHERE THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF IT
WHO'S LYING OVER THERE SOMEWHERE? NOW HOLD ON!
HASHIBA AND KEIJI!
ARE YOU GUYS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?
HI KEIICHI! WE'RE TURNING THIS OVER TO YOU!
AS YOU CAN SEE WE'RE HERE ON BUSINESS, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR YOU
THIS IS AARI
Flip

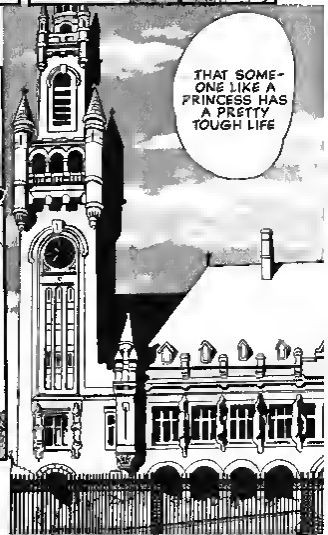
IT REALLY WAS A WONDER-FUL DAY
THIS MUCH FUN AND EX-CITEMENT IS SOMETHING NEW TO ME!
THANKS FOR TAKING ME HOME
MY FIRST AND MY LAST DATE ALL AT THE SAME TIME
I WILL NEVER
FORGET THIS DAY I'LL ALWAYS TREA-SURE THESE MEMORIES
A DAY LIKE A DREAM
I'LL PROBABLY NEVER MEET SUCH CHARMING GENTLEMEN AGAIN
NEXT TIME WE'LL SHOW YOU SOME OTHER NICE THINGS

DON T HESI-
TATE TO RE-
QUEST US
AGAIN WHEN
YOU RETURN
TO JAPAN
WHATEVER
MIGHT HAPPEN
WE LL ALWAYS
BE HERE FOR
YOU
THANK
YOU

DO THE CONCEPTS OF "REASON" OR "CIRCUMSPECTION" RING ANY BELLS?
YOU DAMN FOOLS!
LOOK AT THIS!
BIG FAT HEADLINES IN THE PAPERS!
HAVE YOU GOT ANY IDEA HOW THE PRESS EATS THIS STUFF UP?
FRASH
WE'VE DUTIFULLY GUARDED THE PRINCESS THAT'S ALL
THAT'S UNFAIR CHIEF
SINCE WHEN HAVE THERE BEEN SHOOTINGS AT THE SUNSHINE AQUARIUM, OR AT THIS DISCO?
AND WE DIDN'T DAMAGE ANYTHING, NOT IN THE DISCO, NOT IN THE AQUARIUM
CHECK IT OUT, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT'S TRUE
SBAM
WHAT A HORSE'S ASS! YOU CALL THAT AN APOLOGY?!

WE HANDED THEM OVER TO THE PAMIS EMBASSY
THE INCIDENTS WERE ACTUALLY ON JAPANESE GROUND BUT YOU HAVE TO HANDLE CASES LIKE THIS CAREFULLY OR THERE MIGHT BE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE END
NOT HARD TO IMAGINE
WHAT YOU ACTUALLY DESERVE IS A SERIOUS PAY CUT
BY THE WAY, CHIEF WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THOSE MEN IN BLACK?
AH HOWEVER
BECAUSE YOU GOT THOSE GUYS IN BLACK AND EXPOSED THEM AS EXTREMISTS WHO WERE PLANNING A COUP
AND BECAUSE PRINCESS AARIE HAD ONLY WORDS OF HIGH PRAISE FOR YOU, YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME

CLAP
FLASH
CLAP
FLASH
CLAP
I LIKE IT VERY MUCH I AM QUITE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS COUNTRY
WHAT IS YOUR IMPRESSION OF JAPAN?
JAPAN IS ALSO THE BIRTHPLACE OF YOUR MOTHER THE HONORABLE QUEEN OF PAMIS


THAT SOMEONE LIKE A PRINCESS HAS A PRETTY TOUGH LIFE

WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT JAPAN?
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THAT
THAT WOULD BE
PRIN-CESS?!

...YOU TWO!
◆END◆

WELCOME TO THE REISSUE OF COMBINATION!

I WANT TO AFFECTIONATELY GREET ALL THE NEW AND OLD READERS OF COMBINATION. MY NAME IS LEEZA SEI. I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE NOW HOLDING THE REISSUE OF COMBINATION A CD IN YOUR HANDS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST. IF YOU ALREADY OWN THE ORIGINAL AND HAVE NOW PURCHASED THE REISSUE, THEN YOU ARE TO BE PRAISED! THANK YOU VERY MUCH! AT THE SAME TIME, I'VE GOT TO APOLOGIZE. I'VE GOT TO ADMIT THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE NEW BONUS-MATERIAL. BUT I'VE TRIED TO DRAW THE STORY A BIT DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS BEFORE. SO PLEASE KINDLY OVERLOOK IT. IF THE DRAWING-STYLE SUDDENLY CHANGES A BIT. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT WHAT I DREW IN THE ORIGINAL ISSUE IS NOW ALMOST TEN YEARS OLD.

WOW. HOW QUICKLY TIME PASSES WHEN I LOOK BACK AT THE VOLUME AND RE-REALIZE BY LOOKING AT THE CHARACTERS AND THE STORY THAT I WAS QUITE YOUNG BACK THEN. HM. USUALLY I DON'T LIKE TALKING ABOUT MY AGE. HI-HI

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I WAS YOUNGER WHEN I DREW THIS. BUT IT'S QUITE FUNNY WHEN YOU SEE HOW HARD I WORKED TO DRAW HASHIBA AS A GROWN-UP BACK THEN. THE CHARACTERS HASHIBA AND SASAKI WERE BASICALLY AT THE SAME AGE AS I WAS THEN.

IN THE MEANTIME, I GOT A BIT OLDER AND SO THOSE TWO TWEENS LOOK ALMOST LIKE ADOLESCENTS TO ME. AT THEIR AGE, THEY COULD BE MARRIED AND HAVE BECOME RATHER DOMESTIC. BUT THEY LOOK RATHER YOUNG AND ALMOST CHILDLIKE. BUT THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M ALSO SUCH A SILLY KID AND THAT'S WHERE I'M EVEN OLDER THAN HASHIBA. I'VE GOT THE FEELING THAT THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE CHILDISH I BECOME. HA-HA. BUT, OF COURSE, I ALSO KNOW THE PROBLEMS AND THE LOSS OF INNOCENCE THAT COMES ALONG WITH BEING AN ADULT. THERE'S REALLY NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THIS.

WHATEVER. I'LL REALLY BE HAPPY IF YOU HAVE FUN WITH THE PRESENT WORK, ESPECIALLY THE IMPROVEMENTS. ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE YOU'LL SEE THE TWO MAIN CHARACTERS THREE YEARS AFTER THEIR FIRST MEETING.

ON THE OTHER PAGES YOU'LL SEE THEM COMPLETELY AT EASE DURING THEIR SHARED TIME AS PARTNERS. I ONLY WANTED TO MENTION THAT SO THAT YOU DON'T GET CONFUSED.

SO HAVE FUN.

THAT IS S-SAN WHO HELPFULLY STOOD BY MY SIDE RECENTLY ONCE UPON A TIME SHE WORKED IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL.
private school as in those Japanese schools you go to after school to get some extra-tutoring.
WHEN I READ COMBINATION FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS STILL IN HIGH-SCHOOL.
HERE!
ERASE AND THEN COLOR WITH YOUR CRAYONS PLEASE.
OK.
I UNDERSTAND.
KLONK
WHAT IS IT?
UWA AAH!
AA-
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S A BIG FAN OF HASHIBA.
WHEN I SAW HOW JUICY HASHIBA IS I GOT A NOSEBLEED.
OUCH
JUICY HASHIBA? BUT HE'S ONLY A FIGURE ON A SHEET OF PAPER.

HE LOOKS LIKE A DOG!
.....
MM. LET ME SEE YES!
MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF SASAKI?
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT, AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF EACH OTHER IS
HA HA HA
NOTHING HAS CHANGED THAT HAS IT?
YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO GRIM AND YOU'RE SO TERSE
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T RESEMBLE KEEICHI AND EVEN WONDERED IF YOU'RE HIS BROTHER
I'VE CHOSEN MY WORDS VERY CAREFULLY DON'T YOU FIND THEM FITTING?
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE RATHER HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
AND YOU?

He's looking through confidential documents.
IF HE'S EVER SEEN OR HEARD SOMETHING, HE ISN'T LIKELY TO FORGET IT SOON
SOME TIME AGO SASAKI THERE WAS THIS BANK-THINGIE WHICH WAS CONNECTED WITH THAT ONE CASE THERE WAS SOMETHING SHADY WITH THE BANK WASN'T THERE?
THAT WAS THE CASE OF THE CORPORATE BANK THAT GAVE ILLEGAL OARLEHNS THROUGH THE USE OF MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS TO THE GOLF CLUB
IT DOESN'T GET REALLY MENTIONED IN THE STORY BUT SASAKI HAS A REALLY GOOD MEMORY
Tak Tak
OOSSIER NUMBER THREE PAGE 30 LISTS ALL THE RELEVANT FACTS ABOUT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED
OH THANK YOU VERY MUCH
SASAKI!
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME QUICKLY
EVERY ONE ALSO CALLS HIM
THE WALKING DATABASE OR JUST THE GIRL FOR EVERYTHING HIHI
THAT WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THIS RESEARCH AND SPECULATION GROUP
WE TOOK THE NOTES ON THE YY ZZ IN THE YEAR XXXX
SASAKI?
WHO WAS THIS?
THAT'S PARAGRAPH 253
WHICH PARAGRAPH IN THE CRIMINAL CODE IS IT AGAIN THAT REGULATES THE OEFALCATION OF MONEY?

COMPARISON OF CHARACTERS THE HANDLING OF MONEY
HASHIBA LIKES TO SPEND MONEY
yeah
WHAT'S MONEY FOR IF NOT TO HAVE FUN?
AH AH——AH
UH U——H
THREE DAYS AFTER PAYDAY
SASAKI?
CAN YOU LOAN ME SOME?
……

COMPARISON OF CHARACTERS THE HANDLING OF MONEY
SASAKI FIRST GIVES HIS PART OF THE RENT TO HIS ROOMMATE WHO THEN PAYS ALL THE RENT FOR THE APARTMENT
THAT'S FOR THIS MONTH'S RENT
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT THIS ISN'T NECESSARY BUT, WELL YOU'RE REALLY STUBBORN
A PART OF HIS MONEY HE SAVES
HE OFTEN BUYS BOOKS MOSTLY THE HARD-COVER EDITIONS
IN SASAKI'S ROOM THERE ARE MOUNTAINS OF BOOKS HE'D HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL DURING AN EARTHQUAKE THERE ARE SO MANY HE'D BE BURIED UNDER THEM IF THEY FELL ON HIM
REALLY CONCENTRATING
I HOPE THE FLOOR DOESN'T COLLAPSE UNDER ALL THE WEIGHT
There isn't any more room on the shelves for more books.

Scenes form the workstation

SO, I HOPE IT PLEASED YOU? PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY IF THE CHARACTERS HAVE CHANGED A BIT. THE CHARACTERS DEVELOPED JUST AS MUCH AS I HAVE.

EVEN IF THE LIFE OF A MANGAKA ISN'T ALWAYS EASY IT SEEMS TO BE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AT THE MOMENT. I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND CAN LEAD A CAREFREE LIFE. SO I GET ALONG WONDERFULLY WITH BOTH PROTAGONISTS.

ORIGINALLY COMBINATION WAS PUBLISHED IN TWO VOLUMES. BUT IN 1996 A THIRD VOLUME WAS TO FOLLOW AND IN 1999 (WHEN I'M WRITING THIS) THE STORY IS RUNNING SO SMOOTHLY, THAT I'M WORKING HARD TO CONTINUE DRAWING. NOW THERE IS ALREADY A VOLUME 4, WHICH I WARMLY RECOMMEND TO YOU BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHARACTERS REALLY NICELY AND THUS GET EVEN MORE FUN OUT OF READING THE STORY (OR AT LAST I HOPE SO. HI-HI!)

ONE AFTER THE OTHER, NEW CHARACTERS WILL BE INTRODUCED. IN VOLUME 4 THERE WILL BE SOME INTERESTING TURNS, SO THAT YOU'LL ASK YOURSELF JUST WHICH CHARACTER IS THE MAIN ONE. SAWADA GETS SOME BIGGER SCENES AND WILL DO SOME BIG TALKING. CAN I LEAD THIS TO A GOOD ENDING? I'LL DO MY BEST.

WHEN I BEGAN DRAWING THIS MANGA, I ACTUALLY DIDN'T HAVE AN IDEA WHO HASHIBA AND SASAKI WERE. SO IT WAS ANYTHING BUT EASY TO GIVE THOSE TWO THE RIGHT MANNER OF SPEAKING. THAT'S BECAUSE THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I DREW FOR MAGAZINES AND SO SPENT ALL MY TIME DRAWING. ANYWAY, IN THE LAST TEN YEARS MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN MY LIFE. I'VE COLLECTED MANY EXPERIENCES AND SO TODAY I AM AS I AM. IN THOSE TEN YEARS REALLY QUITE A LOT HAPPENED.

I TRY TO LET THOSE EXPERIENCES INFLUENCE THE PORTRAYAL OF THESE TWO CHARACTERS. I THINK THAT TODAY I AM ABLE TO CREATE PICTURES WITH MORE DETAIL AND PEOPLE WITH MORE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER THAN TEN YEARS AGO. THEN THERE'S THE RESOLUTION OF THE STORY OF SAWAB, WHICH I'LL FINISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SO NOW I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT A COUPLE OF NEW, INTERESTING (OR NOT SO INTERESTING) THINGS, WHICH HEREN'T WRITTEN IN THE OLD ISSUE OF THIS VOLUME. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR ME TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO FAVOR OUR TWO HEROES AND TO THANK YOU FOR READING THIS FAR.

TILL THE NEXT TIME, YOUR LEEZA SEI
JANUARY 1999

AND HIS PARTNER WHOM WE'LL CALL OOA OR OATE
ON THE ONE HAND WE HAVE HASHIBA
I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT CHOOSING A NAME FOR HASHIBA'S LATE PARTNER
HUH?
I'M ABSOLUTELY WILD FOR OATE!
OATEEE!
HM. I LIKE OOA MORE
OOESN'T IF FIT ANOTHER CHARACTER BETTER?
OATE! ABSOLUTELY!
IF SHE'S HAPPY WITH IT
UU! YA-HOOOO!
IN THE END WE DECIDED ON OATE HI-HI

That's how it works here.
Nobody can really go against her